

Introduction to Sociology
Essay #1
Due: before 11:59 pm on 09/17/2018

This assignment addresses the following student learning outcomes (SLO) and program learning outcomes (PLO):

- The student will compare and contrast the basic elements of the three major theoretical perspectives in sociology. (SLO)
- The student should demonstrate an understanding of the perspectives, theories, methods and core concepts of the social sciences. (PLO)

To complete the essay you should do the following:

In your own words, summarize each of the three sociological perspectives (Conflict Theory, Symbolic Interactionism, and Structural Functionalism). Make sure to include a discussion of their similarities and differences. Provide at least one example of each from your own experiences, interests, or current events. Please do not use examples from the book, as the examples should reflect your experiences. Make sure to cite your sources (including the course book) in text and by providing a work cited page in the end of the paper using a style guide of your choice (i.e. APA, MLA, ASA, etc.). If you do not know what style guide to use, please talk to me and I will provide you with guidelines for ASA. Please remember to submit your paper as either Microsoft Word or pdf file.

Formatting requirements:

- 2-3 pages (not including the works cited page)
- Double-spaced
- 12 point font
- 1.25 inch margins
- Times New Roman

When grading your papers, I will among other things be considering the following:

- Student provided a comprehensive and accurate summary.
- Student provided an accurate and comprehensive application of each perspective to his/her own experiences, interests, or current events.
- Quality of writing – ex. grammar, spelling, organization, flow, sentence structure, etc. (an “A” paper is essentially free from errors).
- Did the student accurately cite their sources?
- Accurately followed formatting requirements.
- Fulfillment of other expectations, including whether the student followed instructions.
- Please refer to late paper policies as stated in the syllabus.