**Sociology - Ms. Forrester**

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This course is an introductory study in sociology, the study of social behavior and the organization of human society. Students will learn about the historical development of the field of sociology and the procedures for conducting research in sociology. Students will also learn the importance and role of culture, social structure, socialization, and social change in today’s society.

Objectives

* The student will study the major & core concepts of Sociology.
* Students will learn the basic skills of sociological research & be able to apply sociological concepts to their own lives.
* Students will be able to define key terms & use them in their everyday vocabulary.
* The students will develop critical thinking skills.

Textbook

Thomas, Laverne W. *Sociology: The Study of Human Relations*. Holt 2008

Grading Proportions & Assessments

**Description: % of Grade**

Tests 20%

Classwork/Homework 20%

Quizzes 20%

Projects 20%

Final Exam 20%

Tests

* All students will be given ample notification of an upcoming test – materials will cover readings, notes, and vocabulary.
* Tests will be a combination of multiple choice and short answer questions

Quizzes

* Will consist of matching, & multiple-choice questions.
* Quizzes will be administered for each chapter throughout each unit.

Classwork/Homework

* Completion of readings, handouts, & classroom activities
* Vocabulary

Projects

* The majority of projects assigned will be completed outside of class – I do not have time built into the semester to do them in class therefor it is the student’s responsibility to gain internet access and materials needed to complete the projects. Students have access to the computers in the media center before school, during lunch, and after school.

Course Outline

**Unit 1: Research Methods**

* Sociological Research Methods
* Statistics in Sociology

**Unit 2: Culture and Social Structure**

* Chapter 1: The Sociological Point of View
* Chapter 2: Cultural Diversity
* Chapter 3: Cultural Conformity and Adaptation
* Chapter 4: Social Structure

**Unit 3: The Individual in Society**

* Chapter 5: Socializing the Individual
* Chapter 6: The Adolescent in Society
* Chapter 7: The Adult in Society

**Unit 4: Deviance and Social Control**

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**Unit 5: Social Inequality**

* Chapter 9: Social Stratification
* Chapter 10: Racial and Ethnic Relations
* Chapter 11: Gender, Age, and Health

**Unit 6: Social Institutions**

* Chapter 12: The Family
* Chapter 13: The Economy and Politics
* Chapter 14: Education and Religion
* Chapter 15: Science and the Mass Media

**Unit 7: The Changing World**

* Chapter 16: Population and Urbanization
* Chapter 17: Collective Behavior and Social Movements
* Chapter 18: Social Change and Modernization

The class has a blog that can be accessed at http://missforresterohs.weebly.com/