

Sociology lesson plans for week 12/8/09 – 12/11.09

Tuesday 12/8/09

Warm-up: Why is Weber's concept of verstehen the very essence of modern sociology?

Activities:

1. put up pictures of the contributions of early sociologists
2. Auguste Comte was quite brilliant but eccentric. He had phobias about germs and contamination. He formulated a principle called cerebral hygiene. This was to prevent others from polluting his thoughts. He stopped reading because he thought this was the main source of the pollution.
3. Do back to back chair demonstration
4. America takes the lead in sociology. Go on-line and google the title of this journal The Journal of the Mundane and choose an article and abstract it.
5. Durkheim was studying to be a rabbi and believed that they were compatible. He said that both disciplines are directed toward the universal, and both seek the truth. Do you agree or disagree with this, and why is this so.
6. Sociology is based on the gathering of scientific data, and evidence. What is the difference between anecdotal and abstract data. Anecdotal is based on reports or observations of individuals, usually by unscientific observers. The amputee story.
7. "What is not good for the hive is not good for the bee" What does this mean? What does this quote say about the value of the individual compared to the value of society?
8. Sociology has nothing to do with reading writing, or mathematics according to Munising school board. So therefore it should not be a part of the curriculum
9. What are the four criteria of McDonaldization.
Efficiency, predictability, calculability and control
10. read pages 23 – 31 answer questions on page 24, 29, and 31

Wednesday 12/9/09

What is the relationship between perception and perspective?

Activities

1. Identify a problem in your life and decide which of the perspectives you believe would be most helpful in analyzing the situation.
2. Functionalism is a viewpoint that emphasizes the smooth functioning of society.
Macro approach
3. Conflict theory looks at the problems caused by groups who oppose each other.
Macro approach whole societies
4. Symbolic interactionism looks at the interactions based on shared symbols. Micro approach small groups
5. Play chairs gam How does this exercise exemplify manifest and latent functions? What is the intended function of musical chairs? What is the latent function
6. Why do your parents think that you are going to school? Why do you go to school?
7. Look at pages 20 – 21 and answer the following questions

- What are the manifest functions of college?
What are the latent functions of college?
From a conflict perspective, how is the McDonaldization of higher education problematic?
How would the interactionist perspective view this new process?
8. do masking tape demonstration
 9. How has the computer and the internet affected my life?
 10. Rename ten items and write a paragraph using the words in the paragraph
 11. What does the flag mean?
 12. What is sacred and profane according to Durkheim

Thursday 12/10/09

Pages 32 – 33 matching, multiple choice and discussion questions

Friday 12/11/09

Chapter 1 test

Read pages 36 – 44 and do questions on page 44