

Oklahoma National History Day

Sociology Topic List

Social Studies Content Standards

1. Recognize sociology as a social science, identify methods and strategies of research, and examine the contributions of sociology to the understanding of social issues.
2. Examine the influence of culture and the way cultural transmission is accomplished.
3. Identify how social status influences individual and group behaviors.
4. Examine how social groups are composed of people who share common characteristics including interests, beliefs, behaviors, and feelings.
5. Identify the effects of social institutions on individual and group behavior and explain how these institutions influence the development of the individual.
6. Examine social change over time and the various factors that lead to these changes.
7. Analyze social problems that affect large numbers of people or result from imbalances within a social system.
8. Explore both individual and collective behavior.

History Day Example Topics

- Baby Boomers and the Threat of Nuclear Annihilation: A Study in Mass Hysteria
- Southern Secession: The Fruits of Illogical Groupthink and Fear
- A Ruinous Mix of Fear and Racism: The California Workingmen's Party and the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882
- Japanese American Incarceration: How Irrational Fear Affected the Lives of 120,000 Americans
- The Jim Crow South: An Examination of Social Forms of Oppression
- Andrew Lloyd Garrison's *Liberator*: How the Fourth Estate Can Affect the Marketplace of Ideas
- Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique*: Sparking Second Wave Feminism
- Rudyard Kipling: Legacy of the "White Man's Burden"
- Rosie the Riveter and the Changing Roles of Women during World War II
- Leading a Communist Island: Marshal Tito and Yugoslavia
- Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar and the Fight Against India's Caste System
- Emmeline Pankhurst: Leading a Militant Struggle for Suffrage in Great Britain
- Nazism and Eugenics: Legacy of a "Superior" Race