

Course Title:	Sociology A	
Standards	American Sociological Association National Standards for High School Sociology	
Unit 1 Big Idea:	The Sociological Imagination	
Essential Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How do we decide how to live and act in everyday life? In what way is sociology useful in better understanding our world? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
1.1.1	1.1	Quiz: social Science and Context
1.1.2	1.2	Discussion: Deconstructing the Social Constructs
1.1.4.		
1.2.1	1.3	Quiz: What About Jon? (Sociology as a Science)
1.2.2		
1.2.3	Unit 1 Wrap Up	Research Project Proposal
		Unit 1 Test
Unit 2 Big Idea	The Story of Sociology	
Essential Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How do sociologists study the way people live their lives? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
1.3.1	2.1	Research Methods Presentation
1.3.2	2.1	Research Project Design
1.3.3	2.2	Discussion: Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes (ethics)
1.3.4	2.3	Perspectives on #OscarsSoWhite (theories)
1.3.5		
1.4.1	Unit 2 Wrap Up	Research Project Final Report
1.4.2		Unit 2 Test
1.4.3		
Unit 3 Big Idea	Culture	
Essential Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How do people make sense of their lives and find meaning in their culture? What is the relationship between culture we can touch and see, and culture that is made up of symbols and ideas? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
2.1.1	3.1	Culture in Your Community Brochure
2.1.2	3.2	Quiz: Nature vs. Nurture
2.1.3	3.3	What People Think I Do (norms and values)
	3.4	Discussion: What Symbol am I? (symbols and language)

	3.5	Quiz: Virtual Reality (cultural diffusion and globalization)
	Unit 3 Wrap UP	Change in American Culture
		Unit 3 Test
Unit 4 Big Idea	The Influence of Culture	
Essential Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do people make sense of their lives and find meaning in their culture? 2. What is the relationship between culture we can touch and see, and culture that is made up of symbols and ideas? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
2.2.1	4.1	Quiz: Ethnocentrism
2.2.2	4.2	My Shouganai Journal (culture shock)
2.2.3	4.3	Quiz: Cultural Clash
2.2.4	4.4	Discussion: American Values
	Unit 4 Wrap-Up	Cultural Relativism Practice
		Unit 4 Test
Unit 5 Big Idea	Socialization	
Essential Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do people help one another to live and grow in society? 2. How do we hold one another back? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
3.1.1	5.1	Personal Agents of Socialization
1.4.1	5.2	Quiz: Socialization in the News
1.4.2	5.3	Discussion: You and Sports
1.4.3	5.4	Envisioning Adulthood
	5.5	Quiz: Socialization for Introverts
	Unit 5 Wrap-Up	"How I Learned"
		Unit 5 Test
Unit 6 Big Idea	Identity and Groups	
Essential Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do you know what others expect from you as you live your life? 2. How much are your attitudes and behaviors influenced by others? 3. How does privilege impact our lives? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
2.3.2	6.1	What Social Categories Describe You?
3.2.1	6.2	Quiz: Concepts of Self

3.2.2	6.3	Groups in Your Life Questionnaire
3.2.3	6.4	Discussion: My Global Rich Position (social stratification)
3.2.4		
3.3.1	Unit 6 Wrap-Up	Who Made Your Clothing
3.3.2		Unit 6 Test
3.3.3		
Unit 7 Big Idea	Social Institutions	
Essential Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To what extent do larger forces and systems impact our lives? 2. What would life be like if a major social institution in our society changed dramatically? What could spark this kind of change? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
2.3.1	7.1	Quiz: Key Institutions
2.3.2	7.2	Petitioning the Government
	7.3	Economic Opportunities and Challenges Interview
	7.4	Discussion: Promoting Health
	Unit 7 Wrap-Up	Social Institutions Presentation
		Unit 7 Test
Unit 8 Big Idea	Deviance and Conformity	
Essential Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who gets to decide what's normal? 2. How do we promote the standards of our society? In what ways do we resist them? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
3.1.2	8.1	Sanction Detective
1.4.1	8.2	What is Deviance?
1.4.2	8.3	Discussion: Solitary Confinement
1.4.3	8.4	Quiz: Theory
	Unit 8 Wrap-Up	Deviance Research Proposal
		Unit 8 Test
	Final	Deviance Project Design
	Final	Deviance Research Ethics
	Final	Test