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The Three Main Sociological Perspectives

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What do the multiple perspectives of sociology provide people? What do they help do?

Functionalist Perspective

According to functionalism, society is a system of what? Summarize the example.

The functionalist perspective emphasizes the interconnectedness of society by focusing on how each part of society influences others. Describe an example of this.

How is crime both functional and dysfunctional. How is public school both functional and dysfunctional?

What are manifest functions? What are latent functions? Give an example of each. You can use the examples given or given your own.

Conflict Perspective

How does the conflict perspective view society?

Who is the person that is responsible for the conflict perspective?

As societies progress from rural (agricultural) to urban (industrial) how do the concerns of the people change, according to this perspective?

What are workers denied and what do the bourgeoisie do to maintain power? Given an example. (You may use the example given or give one of your own.)

Symbolic Interactionist Perspective

How is the symbolic interactionist perspective different than the previous two?

What does this perspective emphasize?

How is our sense of self shaped by social interaction?