

# Kentucky Class Notes

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## 08/19/2010 Introduction

- During class, two handouts were distributed. These handouts are to be read by the next class (08/24/2010).
- -Syllabus (note: not all assignments will be listed in syllabus)
  - “The Promise [of Sociology]” by C. Wright Mills
- Students may look at readings that go along with the book through MySocLab (the access code comes with the purchase of the course book.) This is an online study tool.
- The book needed for this class is *Essentials of Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* (Eighth Edition) by James M. Henslin

## 08/24/2010 CHAPTER 1

- This chapter deals with the themes of **THE SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE** and **THE ORIGINS OF SOCIOLOGY**
- **THE SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE**- This idea focuses on the context that people find themselves in. It also looks at the influence of society on individuals and how forces shape the behavior of people. Simple actions are examined in a new light through sociology.
- **“THE SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION”**- This involves looking past what we consider common sense to understand why people act in certain manner. One would use “the social imagination” to consider why students stop talking when the professor starts his lecture or why students choose to sit in a different seat instead of trying to steal a seat that is already occupied.

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- **SOCIAL LOCATION-** This term is defined as niches in life that people are in. Social locations are studies by sociologist so that behaviors can be better understood.
- Some social locations can include:
- Jobs, Social Class, Race/Ethnicity, Occupation, Sex, and Religion
- Our social locations influence our perception of who we are and what we should do in life.
- **NOTE: MANY QUESTIONS THAT PERTAIN TO SOCIOLOGY HAVE NO DEFINITE ANSWER. THE STATEMENT “IT DEPENDS” APPLIES TO MANY SOCIOLOGICAL SITUATIONS.**

## **THE BIRTH OF SOCIOLOGY-** (mid 1800s)

- Sociology developed during a time of turmoil. **THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION** was key in sparking the development of sociology as people were looking at life differently since traditional ways were being changed.