

# Sociology

## Social Studies Practices

### **1 Collect data and information from a variety of primary and secondary sources, including:** SSP.01

- 1 Printed materials SSP.01.1
  - 2 Graphic representations SSP.01.2
  - 3 Field observations/Landscape analysis SSP.01.3
  - 4 Artifacts SSP.01.4
  - 5 Media and technology sources SSP.01.5
  - 6 Oral History SSP.01.6
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### **2 Critically examine a primary or secondary source in order to:** SSP.02

- 1 Extract, summarize, and paraphrase significant ideas and relevant information SSP.02.1
  - 2 Discern differences between evidence and assertion SSP.02.2
  - 3 Recognize the significance of author's purpose, point of view, and bias SSP.02.3
  - 4 Draw logical inferences and conclusions SSP.02.4
  - 5 Assess the strengths and limitations of arguments SSP.02.5
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### **3 Synthesize data from a variety of sources in order to:** SSP.03

- 1 Establish accuracy and validity by comparing sources to each other SSP.03.1
  - 2 Recognize disparities among multiple accounts SSP.03.2
  - 3 Frame appropriate questions for further investigation SSP.03.3
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### **4 Construct and communicate arguments by citing supporting evidence to:** SSP.04

- 1 Demonstrate and defend an understanding of ideas SSP.04.1
- 2 Compare and contrast viewpoints SSP.04.2
- 3 Illustrate cause and effect SSP.04.3
- 4 Predict likely outcomes SSP.04.4
- 5 Devise new outcomes or solutions SSP.04.5
- 6 Engage in appropriate civic discourse SSP.04.6

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**5 Develop historical awareness by:** SSP.05

- 1 Recognizing how and why historical accounts change over time SSP.05.1
  - 2 Perceiving and presenting past events and issues as they might have been experienced by the people of the time, with historical empathy vs. present-mindedness SSP.05.2
  - 3 Evaluating how unique circumstances of time and place create context and contribute to action and reaction SSP.05.3
  - 4 Identifying patterns of continuity and change over time, making connections to the present SSP.05.4
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**6 Develop geographic awareness by:** SSP.06

- 1 Analyzing and determining the use of diverse types of maps based on the origin, authority, structure, context, and validity SSP.06.1
  - 2 Using the geographic perspective to analyze relationships, patterns, and diffusion across space at multiple scales SSP.06.2
  - 3 Analyzing locations, conditions, and connections of places and using maps to investigate spatial associations among phenomena SSP.06.3
  - 4 Examining how geographers use regions and how perceptions of regions are fluid across time and space SSP.06.4
  - 5 Analyzing interaction between humans and the physical environment SSP.06.5
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**The Sociological Point of View:** Students will be introduced to the study of sociology and the sociological perspective, including major theoretical perspectives and methods of sociological research.

- 1 Define sociology as a field of study, and explain why it is a science. S.01
  - 2 Compare and contrast sociology with other social sciences. S.02
  - 3 Explain the origins of sociology and significant contributions of its founders. S.03
  - 4 Distinguish between quantitative and qualitative methods of research, and determine the parts of research. S.04
  - 5 Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of major methods of sociological research (i.e., surveys and interviews, experiments, observations, content analysis). S.05
  - 6 Differentiate among various sociological perspectives or theories on social life (i.e., functionalist perspective, conflict theory, symbolic interaction). S.06
  - 7 Examine ethical practices in sociological research as recommended by the American Sociological Association. S.07
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**The Role of Culture in Society:** Students will analyze the nature of culture and the role it plays for the individual and society.

- 8 Define culture, and explain its various elements. S.08
  - 9 Define and give examples of cultural norms (e.g., folkways, mores, taboos, laws). S.09
  - 10 Identify and describe the prominent elements of American culture. S.10
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**11 Compare and contrast various elements of cultures of the world.** S.11

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**12 Analyze how culture influences individuals (e.g., ethnocentrism, cultural relativity, culture shock).** S.12

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**13 Describe how the social structure of a culture affects social interaction.** S.13

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**14 Explain the various sociological perspectives on culture.** S.14