

Sociology Summer Reading Assignment
Sociology
Mrs. DelBagno

Please buy and read the book:

Durkheim is Dead! Berger, Arthur Asa. Altimira Press. Walnut Creek, CA 2003

After you have completed reading *Durkheim is Dead!*, you must complete the following assignment.

This assignment is due in class on the first day of school: September 2025

The assignment has two parts:

1. Create a table that compares and contrasts the theories of the six main characters/theorists. Using Microsoft Word, create a table with the page setup on landscape. Your table should be created like the example listed below.

Name	Biography	Their view of what Sociology is- its purposes, methods, and perspectives on human behavior	Individuals that share their ideas
W.E.B. Dubois			
Emile Durkheim			
Vladimir Lenin			
George Simmel			
Beatrice Webb			
Max Weber			

Biography: In this column, list important biographical information about the individual: birthplace, family, education, line of work, major accomplishments, writings, death, etc.

View of Sociology: In this column, explain what this individual's view of sociology is- its purposes, methods, and perspectives on human behavior.

Individuals that share their ideas: In this column, list the other individuals from this list of six who share their ideas.

2. Create **your own definition and description of sociology based on what you read and the chart that you created**. In your description, identify which theorists' views are incorporated in your definition/description and why. This definition should be a minimum of a one typed page using 12 font.

When we return to school, you will be given a written/oral assignment based on the reading, the chart, and your definition/description. All three portions of this assignment will be averaged together and **count as two test grades**.