

In-Depth With a Social Scientist

For this assignment, you will explore one social scientist of your choice in detail. Please note that the number of students permitted to research each social scientist may be restricted so be sure to share your choice with me as soon as you know.

Process:

1. Choose a social scientist. You may choose one from the textbook, from the list below, or one that you have heard of (please consult me before choosing one of your own).

2. Research the social scientist and answer the following questions:
 - a. Where and when was he/she born? If applicable, when did he/she die?
 - b. Identify at least five achievements the social scientist attained
 - c. Explain the theory and/or finding the social scientist is MOST famous for
 - d. Explain the hardships the social scientist had to endure
 - e. Identify at least five other interesting aspects of the social scientist’s life
 - f. After reading about and studying the life of this person, including their theories, what is your opinion of this person? Do their theories make sense? Are they plausible?
 - g. Decide why you chose this particular social scientist to study

Note: Be sure to properly cite all of your researched information. If you do not properly cite your work, it is considered PLAGIARISM! You must submit a works cited with this assignment in proper APA format.

List of Possible Social Scientists:

Anthropologists	Margaret Mead Raymond Dart Louis Leakey E.E. Evans-Pritchard	Ruth Benedict Dian Fossey Frank Boas Jane Goodall
Psychologists	Alfred Adler Erik Erikson Erich Fromm Stanley Milgram Burrhus F. Skinner Philip Zimbardo Gordon Allport Leon Festinger Carl Jung Ivan Pavlov	Edward Thorndike Wilhelm Wundt Solomon Asch Anna Freud Lawrence Kohlberg Carl Rogers John B. Watson Albert Bandura Sigmund Freud
Sociologists	Charles Cooley Talcott Parsons Charles Wright Mills E. Durkeim Karl Marx Herbert Spencer Anthony Giddens Max Webber Claude Levi-Strauss Erving Goffman	

Before you just “google” the name of your social scientist, consider that, as senior students, you should be approaching research with more scholarly goals and skills. Locate and select articles that are academically-supported, that have clear bibliographic information and that provide details that connect to the expectations of this assignment. You are required to focus on the impact and criticisms of an individual; therefore, your research should reveal this data. Try the following sites:

1. www.sweetsearch.com
- **Use Biography search option
2. www.famouspsychologists.org
3. www.sociosite.net
5. **VIRTUAL LIBRARY**

- i) Go to library.wrdsb.ca
- ii) Click on GALE POWER SEARCH

This database houses over 50 other collections. The ones that you should use are:

- *Expanded Academic ASAP**
- *Psychology Collection**
- *Gale Virtual Reference Library**
- *Biography in Context**