

Social Scientist Research and Presentation Assignment

There have been many important Social Scientists across the disciplines throughout history. Now that you understand what each subject represents, it is important that you are familiar with some of the major players. This assignment is intended to do just that.

You and a partner are going to do research and prepare a presentation on a Social Scientist of your choosing. You do not have to work in partners but it lightens the workload if you work together. Below is a list of expectations for this assignment.

1. Choose a partner and a topic - once you have chosen your topic, clear it with the instructor as that Scientist will be off limits for other students.
2. Create a set of clear questions you want to answer for your presentation so you have direction in your research.
3. Research - You will be provided with two class periods for research. One will be in the library, the other will be in the library or a computer lab.
4. Create a PowerPoint presentation that will:
 - a. Introduce your social scientist to the class
 - b. Give an outline of their field of research
 - c. The important contributions they made to their field
 - d. Why they are important in our study of the Social Sciences
 - e. Any interesting information that you think the class would be interested in
 - f. Display the information in a creative way that uses pictures and graphics to convey your message
5. Create a handout outlining important information about your Social Scientist. It should be approximately one page in length.

Suggested Theorists for Study

Psychologists

- Erik H. Erikson
- Jean Piaget
- B.F. Skinner
- Wolfgang Kohler
- Howard Gardner
- Sigmund Freud
- Abraham Maslow
- Alfred Adler
- Karen Horney
- Harry Harlow
- Ivan Pavlov

Sociologists

- George Herbert Mead
- Karl Marx
- Emile Durkheim
- Irving Goffman
- Max Weber
- Dorothy Smith
- Immanuel Wallerstein
- Marlene Mackie

Anthropologists

- The Leakey Family (Louis, Mary and/or Richard)
- Margaret Mead
- Franz Boas
- Ruth Benedict
- Marvin Harris
- Sherry Ortner
- Ed Spicer

Journal Entry: Theorists and Theories Response Paper Outline

Consider the information you have collected on your Theorists and Theories Worksheet. Use this information to compose a journal entry approximately 1 to 2 pages in length (double spaced).

Suggested Topics

1. Compare your theorist to another in the same discipline. How do their theories differ? How are they similar?
2. Consider which theories discussed still hold true today. Can they help to explain modern social situations? Give examples to support your opinion.