Objectives

Please note there will be questions on the quiz/test that fall outside these objectives, but it is a place to start.

Day 1:

* Define the sociological perspective

Day 2:

* Identify major historical people in sociology and their primary contributions
* Explain the differences between theories and paradims
* Summarize/Identify key characteristics of structural functionalism, conflict theory, and symbolic interaction
* Apply each key theory to real life situations
* Differentiate between the three key paradigms

Day 3:

* Identify key characteristics of the functionalist paradigm (partial review)
* Identify key characteristics of the conflict paradigm (review)
* Identify key characteristics of the symbolic interaction paradigm (partial review)
* Define the sociological imagination
* Identify aspects of the sociological imagination in various situations
* Apply the sociological imagination to a variety of situations

Day 4:

* Define culture
* List some of the key elements of culture
* Explain how values and beliefs differ from norms
* Discuss material versus nonmaterial culture
* Define high culture, subculture, and counterculture
* Give examples of high culture, subculture and counterculture

Day 5:

* Define capital (general)
* Be able to differentiate between the types of capital
* Provide situations in which each may be used
* Explain the theoretical contributions of Pierre Bourdieu in the development of an understanding of capital
* Identify key components of systems of stratification
* Explain differences in systems of stratification
* Identify primary areas used by sociologists to differentiate between social classes
* Discuss why social class boundaries are fluid

Day 6:

* Identify the elements of social structure
* Compare key changes in societies between pre-industrial, industrial, and postindustrial
* Provide examples of the three types of status
* Discuss the relationship between status and role
* Summarize the benefits of roles in social interaction
* Create a scenario in which a person is experiencing role conflict
* Predict some outcomes of role strain
* Explain the difference between social organizations and social institutions

Day 7:

* Define socialization
* Describe the process of socialization
* Compare and contrast different agents of socialization
* Explain De Saussure’s argument about general linguistics (which is essentially why language is a social construction)
* Identify and provide examples of the sign, including signified and signifier
* Provide an example of people centered language and explain its importance
* Explain the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis
* Illustrate how language is both cultural and social

Nice to know (rather than need to know)

Estate systems

Goffman/dramaturgy, impression management

Status set

sumptuary law

socialization across the lifespan

hunter-gather/pastoral, horticulture

breadth of sociology

debunking

Simmel