

Sociology Study Guide 8-1 & 2
Social Stratification and Theories

Directions: Print this off and write in your answers to each question.

1. What is social stratification?
 - a. Rephrase your definition from above into your own words.
2. Match the dimensions of stratifications with the examples below. Use (W) for wealth, (Po) for Power, and (Pr) for prestige.
 - a. the respect accorded doctors
 - b. a politician considering the interests of a lobby
 - c. the Nobel Peace Prize
 - d. stock market holdings
 - e. a Supreme Court ruling
 - f. real estate assets
3. The top 20% of U.S. households receive approximately what percent of the total income?
4. What are the most common sources of prestige in U.S. society?
5. Identify which of the major perspectives describes the examples below.
 - a. Corporate executives make more money because they decide who gets what in their organizations.
 - b. Engineers make more money than butlers because of their education.
 - c. Poor children tend to have low self-esteem.
6. How did Marx explain the stratification of society?
7. Explain how the self-fulfilling prophecy helps stratify society according to Symbolic Interactionists.