

The background features a vertical gradient from light purple at the top to light blue at the bottom. Scattered throughout are numerous water droplets of various sizes, some with soft shadows, giving a fresh and clean aesthetic.

# CONTEMPORARY THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES

# SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

- **CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGISTS VIEW SOCIETY FROM A VARIETY OF PERSPECTIVES.**
- **THE MAJOR THEORETICAL THEORIES THAT HAVE EMERGED IN SOCIOLOGY ARE FUNCTIONALIST, CONFLICT, FEMINIST, AND SYMBOLIC INTERACTIONIST.**
- **OTHER PERSPECTIVES, SUCH AS POSTMODERN, HAVE MORE RECENTLY GAINED ACCEPTANCE AMONG SOME SOCIAL THINKERS.**

# NOTES

- USING THE TEXTBOOK PAGES 22-30 COMPLETE THE QUESTIONS ON YOUR HANDOUT.
- THE NOTES YOU CREATE WILL BE TURNED IN AND GRADED. I WILL ADD COMMENTS IN TO HELP YOU IF YOUR INFORMATION IS INCORRECT OR NEEDS EXPANDING

# TRADITIONAL PERSPECTIVE OF SOCIOLOGY

- VIDEO

# “MATCH”

- **PERSPECTIVES: FUNCTIONALISM / CONFLICT / SYMBOLIC INTERACTION / FEMINIST / POSTMODERN**
- 1. BOYS AND GIRLS ARE SOCIALISED DIFFERENTLY. GIRLS ARE SOCIALISED IN A MORE SUPERVISORY AND CONTROLLED MANNER, WHICH DECREASES DEVIANCY. ON THE OTHER HAND, BOYS ARE SOCIALISED TO BE ROUGHER AND AGGRESSIVE, WHICH INCREASE DEVIANCY.
- 2. MOST STREET CRIMINALS ARE POOR. THEY ARE FRUSTRATED FROM LIVING IN POVERTY. THEY SEE NO HOPE DUE TO A LACK OF JOBS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SUCCESS. AS A RESULT, THEY TURN TO ARMED ROBBERY.
- 3. WITH TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES, CRIMINALS HAVE OTHER MEANS OF STEALING INFORMATION AND FINANCES. THEY NO LONGER NEED TO PHYSICALLY COMMIT THE CRIMINAL ACT. THIS LOWERS THE RATE OF BEING CAUGHT.
- 4. CREATE JOBS TO FIGHT CRIME
- 5. INVESTIGATE HOW VICTIMS OF ARMED ROBBERY BEHAVE WHEN CONFRONTED BY A ROBBER.

- **ANSWERS**

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**CREATE YOUR OWN EXAMPLE SENTENCES / DESCRIPTIONS FOR EACH OF THE FIVE PERSPECTIVES.**

**CHOOSE ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE TOPIC IDEAS:**

- **CHILD / ELDER ABUSE**
- **CHILDHOOD OBESITY**
- **YOUTH GANGS**
- **GRAFFITI**
- **SUICIDE**
- **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**
- **GAMBLING ADDICTION**
- **TEENAGE PREGNANCIES**
- **SEXUAL ABUSE**
- **YOUTH DRUG /ALCOHOLISM ADDICTION**
- **DROP OUT OF SCHOOL**
- **FAMILY VIOLENCE**
- **RACISM / DISCRIMINATION**
- **UNEMPLOYMENT**
- **POVERTY**
- **STREET PEOPLE/HOMELESSNESS IN NOVA SCOTIA**
- **BULLYING**
- **DIVORCE**
- **\*OTHER**



**SHARE?**