Guided Reading Questions
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Poverty

What strong factors tend to mitigate the formation of a strong social class consciousness in the United States?

Karl Marx developed the concept of *false consciousness*. Explain this concept.

How is poverty measured in the United States?

Briefly, describe who are the poor in the U.S.?

What are the main factors contributing to the feminization of poverty?

According to sociological research, is poverty transmitted across generations?

Do the poor want to work? (Explain)

Describe the major structural causes of poverty.

What is the underlying assumption about breadwinners in the family wage system here in the United States?

Welfare recipients are considered government beneficiaries. Are all government beneficiaries stigmatized? (Explain)