

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Ch. 8 (196-203)**

**Defining Deviance**

How do sociologists define deviance?

Identify the components of a sociological definition of deviance, which sets it apart from the common sense explanation of a particular behavior.

Sociologists distinguish between two types of deviance. (Explain them)

According to Durkheim, why do societies need deviance?

Given an example of how a social movement has influenced the perception of deviance

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In the 1920s, they (moral entrepreneurs) worked to save children. What are moral entrepreneurs working to reform in the 21st century?

Provide an example of how a behavior can be deviant in one context, but the same behavior is perfectly normal in another.

According to sociologists, what is considered the problem with biological theories of deviance?

Explain the “medicalization” of deviance, and give an example.

Why are sociologists critical of psychological explanations of deviance? Are they saying such explanations are wrong?