

Unit 2 Instructor Notes

In this build, we use the [Lincoln County Public Health Report](#) and the Echo Mountain Fire Demographics as a basis for looking at data for some of the class exercises. You may want to replace these examples with more relevant sources for your students.

Class Agenda for Unit 2: Class 1:

(15 min) Opening Question

How is a theory different from an opinion?

How might you find out if your theory is true?

(20 min) Activity 1: What is Sociology?: (30 minutes) Activity 2: Theories and Theorists

- Theorists respond to the events of their time
- The social ecology of interdependence - we will use this model throughout the book

(40 minutes) Activity 3: Pair/Share - Social Location and Social Theorists

- Pair/Share - each team takes a classical or modern sociologist and explains social identity/social location and key theory.
- The slides have some useful sources for sociologists

(10 Min) Review & Next Steps

Review final assignment (step 1 and step 4)

Class Agenda for Unit 2: Class 2:

(5 min) Agenda and Announcements

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(40 Min) Activity 1: The Scientific Method and How Trees Talk to Each Other

1. Review the Scientific Method - Slides (27-41)
 - Steps are often presented as linear, rational, and objective.
 - Although science is often logical, it is also a process, with bias, creativity, and intuition
 - Feminist and Indigenous Critique
2. Watch Video: [How Trees Talk To Each Other](#) (Viewing time: 18:24, first 10 minutes only) Discuss:
 - What steps of the scientific method did she use?
 - What ways of knowing did she use?
 - Link back to [Chapter 1](#) - interdependence and the social nature of sociology

(40 minutes) Activity 2: Pair/Share - Lincoln County Health Report

- Demo how to read the info -- who collected the data, using which method,
 - How does it compare to? US Census, PSU population report? Alice?

(15 min) Activity 3: Indigenous and Participant Action Research

(15 Min) Activity 4: Prepare for the Final Project

- Student work time for Step 1 - Final Projects
- Review how to add a key term to a reflection

(5 Min) Review & Next Steps