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**STUDY GUIDE: CHAPTER 8 Sociology and You**

Directions: Based on your reading of the chapter, provide responses to the following questions.

1. Explain the relationship between social stratification and social class.
2. Discuss the three dimensions of stratification.
3. Briefly explain the functionalist theory of social stratification.
4. Briefly explain the conflict theory of social stratification.
5. Briefly explain the symbolic interactionist theory of social stratification.
6. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the upper class in America.
7. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the middle class in America.
8. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the working class in America.
9. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the working poor in America.

Complete the vocabulary exercise on the back!

Matching: Match each description with the most appropriate category. Note: One of the categories must be used twice.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. a worker on an automotive assembly line

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. a family composed of an accountant, a grade school teacher, and two small children

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. a divorced mother of two who works as a server at a fast food restaurant and has no other source of income except her paycheck

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. a high school dropout who works at a gas station making minimum wage

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. a middle-aged man who comes from a long line of inherited wealth and does not work for a living

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. a woman who has become a multimillionaire by working hard to develop a chain of thirty home improvement stores

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. a woman with a severe disability who lives in government-subsidized housing

a. working poor

b. middle class

c. working class

d. aristocracy

e. underclass

f. lower-upper class