

Chapter  
8

LEARNING GOALS OUTLINE

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

1. In George Orwell's classic novel *Animal Farm*, what is the significance of the animals' motto changing from "All animals are equal" to "All animals are equal—but some animals are more equal than others"?

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2. Explain the relationship between social stratification and social class.

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3. Discuss the three dimensions of stratification.

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4. Briefly explain the functionalist theory of social stratification.

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5. Briefly explain the conflict theory of social stratification.

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6. Briefly explain the symbolic interactionist theory of social stratification.

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7. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the upper class in America.

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8. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the middle class in America.

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9. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the working class in America.

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10. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the working poor in America.

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11. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the underclass in America.

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12. What is the difference between absolute poverty and relative poverty?

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13. Discuss the measuring and extent of poverty in the United States.

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14. Describe social mobility in the United States.

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15. What is the prognosis for social mobility in the United States?

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