TEACHER’S GUIDE—GRAPHIC ORGANIZER—COMTE TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW

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| **Sociologist** | **Education/**  **Background** | **Interests** | **Accomplishments** |
| **Auguste Comte** | * 1798-1857 * French philosopher * University of Montpellier & École Polytechnique | * Wanted to create science-based social doctrine * Interested in undoing social disorder caused by French Revolution | * Came up with concepts of positivism and social evolutionism * Established “Religion of Humanity” * May have coined term “altruism” |
| **Émile Durkheim** | * 1858-1917 * French sociologist * University of Leipzig and University of Marburg | * Studied labor in society, and suicide rates * Intrigued by religion, education, social stratification, structural functionalism, and other topics | * Established discipline of sociology * Considered one of the founders of modern social science * Redefined positivism |
| **Harriet Martineau** | * 1802-1876 * English social theorist and writer * Self-taught (Women couldn’t attend college in UK until 1849) | * Believed analysis was needed to understand women’s status in relation to men * Interested in political economy & American society | * Considered to be first female sociologist * Wrote books and essays from religious, domestic, and feminine perspectives |

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| **Herbert Spencer** | * 1820-1903 * English polymath * Self-taught | * Had many interests, including biology, anthropology, and philosophy * Intrigued by evolution | * Developed concept of social Darwinism * Coined phrase “survival of the fittest” |
| **Max Weber** | * 1864-1920 * German sociologist and historian * University of Heidelberg and University of Berlin | * Was interested in religion and its impact on capitalism * Researched social stratification * Promoted theory of antipositivism | * Published *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* and “Politics as a Vocation” * Became known as one of the fathers of sociology, along with Comte and Durkheim |
| **C. Wright Mills** | * 1916-1962 * American sociologist and professor at Columbia * University of Texas at Austin and University of Wisconsin | * Concerned with responsibilities of intellectuals in post-WWII society * Advocated civic engagement | * Coined the phrase “Power Elite” * Popularized the phrase “New Left” * Wrote *White Collar: The American Middle Classes* |

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| **Karl Marx** | * 1818-1883 * German philosopher and sociologist * University of Berlin and University of Jena | * Wrote about the effects of capitalism on society and the conflict between the bourgeoisie and proletariat * Advocated a methodology known as historical materialism | * Wrote *The Communist Manifesto* and *Das Kapital* * Asserted that if the working class developed class consciousness and created a classless, communist society, there would be socioeconomic emancipation * His ideas were the basis of Critical Theory |
| **W.E.B. DuBois** | * 1868-1963 * American sociologist, historian, and civil rights activist * Fisk University and Harvard University | * Proponent of Pan-Africanism * Studied link between capitalism and racism * Advocated nuclear disarmament * Protested against lynching, Jim Crow laws, and discrimination | * First African American to earn doctorate at Harvard * Co-founder of NAACP * Leader of Niagara Movement * Prolific author who popularized the term “color line” * Many reforms he championed were included in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 |