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”
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| **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
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| **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”
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| **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
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| **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
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| **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
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