

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

Sociologist	Education/ Background	Interests	Accomplishments
<b>Auguste Comte</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1798-1857</li> <li>• French philosopher</li> <li>• University of Montpellier &amp; École Polytechnique</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wanted to create science-based social doctrine</li> <li>• Interested in undoing social disorder caused by French Revolution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Came up with concepts of positivism and social evolutionism</li> <li>• Established “Religion of Humanity”</li> <li>• May have coined term “altruism”</li> </ul>
<b>Émile Durkheim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1858-1917</li> <li>• French sociologist</li> <li>• University of Leipzig and University of Marburg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studied labor in society, and suicide rates</li> <li>• Intrigued by religion, education, social stratification, structural functionalism, and other topics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Established discipline of sociology</li> <li>• Considered one of the founders of modern social science</li> <li>• Redefined positivism</li> </ul>
<b>Harriet Martineau</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1802-1876</li> <li>• English social theorist and writer</li> <li>• Self-taught (Women couldn't attend college in UK until 1849)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believed analysis was needed to understand women's status in relation to men</li> <li>• Interested in political economy &amp; American society</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considered to be first female sociologist</li> <li>• Wrote books and essays from religious, domestic, and feminine perspectives</li> </ul>

<p><b>Herbert Spencer</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1820-1903</li> <li>● English polymath</li> <li>● Self-taught</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Had many interests, including biology, anthropology, and philosophy</li> <li>● Intrigued by evolution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Developed concept of social Darwinism</li> <li>● Coined phrase “survival of the fittest”</li> </ul>
<p><b>Max Weber</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1864-1920</li> <li>● German sociologist and historian</li> <li>● University of Heidelberg and University of Berlin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Was interested in religion and its impact on capitalism</li> <li>● Researched social stratification</li> <li>● Promoted theory of antipositivism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Published <i>The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism</i> and “Politics as a Vocation”</li> <li>● Became known as one of the fathers of sociology, along with Comte and Durkheim</li> </ul>
<p><b>C. Wright Mills</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1916-1962</li> <li>● American sociologist and professor at Columbia</li> <li>● University of Texas at Austin and University of Wisconsin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Concerned with responsibilities of intellectuals in post-WWII society</li> <li>● Advocated civic engagement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Coined the phrase “Power Elite”</li> <li>● Popularized the phrase “New Left”</li> <li>● Wrote <i>White Collar: The American Middle Classes</i></li> </ul>

<p><b>Karl Marx</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1818-1883</li> <li>● German philosopher and sociologist</li> <li>● University of Berlin and University of Jena</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wrote about the effects of capitalism on society and the conflict between the bourgeoisie and proletariat</li> <li>● Advocated a methodology known as historical materialism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wrote <i>The Communist Manifesto</i> and <i>Das Kapital</i></li> <li>● Asserted that if the working class developed class consciousness and created a classless, communist society, there would be socioeconomic emancipation</li> <li>● His ideas were the basis of Critical Theory</li> </ul>
<p><b>W.E.B. DuBois</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1868-1963</li> <li>● American sociologist, historian, and civil rights activist</li> <li>● Fisk University and Harvard University</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proponent of Pan-Africanism</li> <li>● Studied link between capitalism and racism</li> <li>● Advocated nuclear disarmament</li> <li>● Protested against lynching, Jim Crow laws, and discrimination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First African American to earn doctorate at Harvard</li> <li>● Co-founder of NAACP</li> <li>● Leader of Niagara Movement</li> <li>● Prolific author who popularized the term “color line”</li> <li>● Many reforms he championed were included in the Civil Rights Act of 1964</li> </ul>