



ISD Virtual Learning

Sociology: Introduction to Socialization

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Objective/Learning Target:

The student will be able to define Socialization and discuss the role Socialization plays in development.

Warm Up - What is Socialization?

Socialization is the cultural process of learning to participate in group life.

- It begins at birth and continues throughout life.
- As long as we're alive, we are continuing to socialize.

So why is
Socialization
important to our
development?

Warm Up Answer

- Without socialization, people cannot develop the set of attitudes, beliefs, values, and behaviors associated with being an individual.
- **SOCIALIZATION IS WHAT MAKES US WHO WE ARE!**

Important Socialization Terms

Self-concept is your image of yourself as having an identity separate from other people. (How we view ourselves)

The looking-glass self is a self-concept based on our idea of others' judgments of us. (How we think others view us)

The people whose judgments are most important to our self-concepts are called significant others. (Doesn't necessarily mean your romantically involved)

- Parents, grandparents, teachers, peers, spouses, etc.

After you've read the terms important in Socialization, answer the following questions/tasks on a piece of paper.

1. Give at least 2 examples of self-concept, the way you view yourself (athletic, smart, funny, lazy, stubborn, etc.).
2. Give at least 2 examples of looking-glass self. Remember, this is how YOU think others view you. Ex: you start getting in trouble because you think people believe you're a troublemaker.
3. Identify at least 5 significant others in your life.

Practice

Write the following terms (left column) and definitions (right column) on a piece of paper. Then, draw lines from one column to the other matching up the term with the correct definition.

Self-Concept

People whose judgments are most
important to us

Looking-Glass
Self

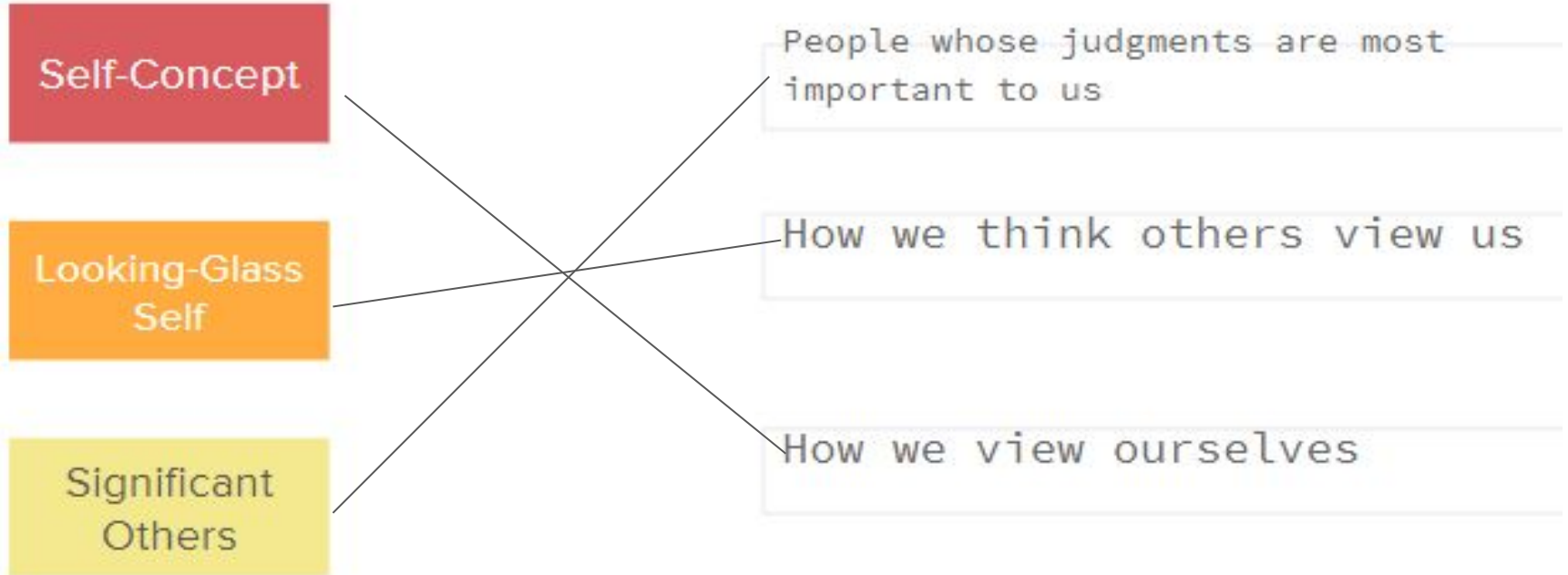
How we think others view us

Significant
Others

How we view ourselves

Practice - Answer Key

Write the following terms (left column) and definitions (right column) on a piece of paper. Then, draw lines from one column to the other matching up the term with the correct definition.



How Do We Socialize?

We don't become members of society and socialize on our own. There are lots of other people and groups that help us to accomplish this. We call these the "Agents of Socialization" and they include:

1. Family
2. Schools
3. Peers
4. Media

In the next few lessons, you'll get the opportunity to learn more about each of these Agents of Socialization and see how they are instrumental in your social life!

Reflection

Socialization helps make us who we are and prepares us to participate in group life as a member of society.

We don't become socialized on our own. It takes other people like our family, peers, schools, and the media to get us where we are!

Additional Resources

Check out these resources if you'd like to learn more about the concepts from this lesson!

ARTICLE: [ThoughtCo.com: Understanding Socialization in Sociology](#)

ARTICLE: [Simply Psychology: Self-Concept](#)

VIDEO: [Khan Academy: Looking-Glass Self](#)