## **Chapter 8 Student Worksheet**

SociologicalYOU **Chapter 8** addresses the topic of stratification and social inequality. It examines the issues of wealth, poverty, and social mobility. This chapter consists of the following modules:

| **Module 1: Sociological Perspective —** The Sociological Perspective on Social Class |
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| **Module 2: Social Structures —** The Inequality of Social Stratification |
| **Module 3: Social Problems —** Problems of Stratification |
| **Module 4: Sociological Imagination —** The American Dream |
| **Module 5: Social Change —** Stratification and Social Change |

Before coming to class, complete the **Student Responsibilities** for **Chapter 8**. The objective of this worksheet is to ensure that you are prepared to actively engage and participate in class. Please contact me if you have any questions or issues prior to the assignment due dates.

### Student Responsibilities

* Read **Chapter 8** and complete the embedded quiz in the chapter to earn the digital **Chapter 8 Completion Certificate**.
* Upload your **Chapter 8 Completion Certificate** to the assignment submission folder.
* Listen to the **Chapter 8 PowerPoint Audio Lecture** located within **SociologicalYOU** Student Resources.
* Complete and upload this **Chapter 8 Student Worksheet** to the assignment submission folder.

### Points to Ponder

Complete the following questions by clicking beneath it and typing your response. Use complete sentences and correct grammar and punctuation.

* How does socioeconomic status impact our everyday lives?
* Why is it important to understand that the wealth gap between social classes is growing wider?
* Does everyone have an equal chance of moving up a social class and achieving social mobility?

### Audience Response Questions

Reflect on the chapter reading and consider how you would answer these questions during a class discussion. Select the appropriate box to indicate your answer.

**Questions:**

**Poverty**

1. How likely would you consider living for 28 days in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on $1 a day?
   * Very likely
   * Somewhat likely
   * Neutral
   * Not very likely
   * Not at all likely
2. How concerned are you about poverty in the United States?
   * Very concerned
   * Concerned
   * Neutral
   * Not very concerned
   * Not at all concerned
3. Which of the following social classes would you assign yourself?
   * Lower class
   * Middle class
   * Upper middle class
   * Upper class
   * Not sure
4. Are your extended family members all in the same social class?
   * Yes
   * No
   * Not sure
5. Are your friends from the same social class?
   * Yes
   * No
   * Not sure
6. How hard do you think it is for a person to change their social class?
   * Very hard
   * Hard
   * Somewhat hard
   * Not hard at all