

Culture Through Everyday Objects

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Abstract

Culture Through Everyday Objects is a PowerPoint lecture adaptation of Stephanie Medley-Rath's class activity "Objects From Everyday Life: A Can of Coca-Cola." This lecture integrates Medley-Rath's class activity into a broader conversation about culture, and aligns with educational research regarding experiential learning. It first introduces an activity/experience, and then maps onto that experience technical information. It also incorporates a unique assignment which tasks students with using their sociological imaginations to both relate sociological concepts to the context of their own lives, and envision life in which a real, or unreal technology transforms an element of material, or non-material culture. Lecture/Usage notes are provided.

Details

Subject Areas: Introduction to Sociology/Social Problems

Resource Types: Lecture

Class Levels: College 100

Class Sizes: Small

Usage Notes

This resource utilizes a free online sociology textbook, OpenStax.org, to guide students in their exploration of culture in sociology. This lecture can easily be adapted to incorporate other textbook sources, or teaching formats.

Learning Goals and Assessments

LEARNING GOALS

Students will develop their sociological imaginations by understanding culture through an analysis of an everyday social artifact.

Students will understand components of culture, and theoretical frameworks for studying it.

ASSESSMENTS

Creative writing assignment

Discussion questions throughout lecture/class activity

Resource Files

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