**STUDY GUIDE: CHAPTER 8 Sociology and You**

**Part A.**

Directions: Based on your reading of the chapter, provide responses to the following questions.

1. Explain the relationship between social stratification and social class.
2. Discuss the three dimensions of stratification.
3. Briefly explain the functionalist theory of social stratification.
4. Briefly explain the conflict theory of social stratification.
5. Briefly explain the symbolic interactionist theory of social stratification.
6. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the upper class in America.
7. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the middle class in America.
8. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the working class in America.
9. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the working poor in America.

Part B.

Complete the Sociology Vocabulary Chart below.

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| **Word** | **Definition** |
| **absolute poverty** |  |
| **caste system** |  |
| **class consciousness** |  |
| **false consciousness** |  |
| **feminization of poverty** |  |
| **horizontal mobility** |  |
| **income** |  |
| **intergenerational mobility** |  |
| **open-class system** |  |
| **prestige** |  |
| **relative poverty** |  |
| **wealth** |  |
| **vertical mobility** |  |