

Selected Topics in Sociology A – Week #04 Reading Notes

Durkheim, E. (2016). The Rules of Sociological Method. In Appelrouth, S. & Edles, L.D. (Eds.), *Classical and Contemporary Sociological Theory: Text and Readings*, 3rd edition (pp. 101-107), London: Sage Publications.

- What constitutes a social fact?
- Why do social facts involve coercive powers?
- What does Durkheim mean when he says that it is impossible to imagine a society without crime?

Durkheim, E. (2005). Suicide. In Thompson, K. (Ed.) *Readings from Emile Durkheim* (pp. 63-83), London: Routledge.

- How does Durkheim theorize suicide as a social fact?
- What is, according to Durkheim, the cause of suicide rates?
- What social variables influence the prevalence of suicide in a given society?

Turabian, K., et al. (2010). *Student's Guide to Writing College Papers*, 4th edition, Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, pp. 44-55.

- What is difference between primary, secondary, tertiary sources?
- What does it mean to have the appropriate amount of evidence?
- How do you evaluate the reliability of a source?