**What are Social Sciences?**

Directions: Read through the following document and follow the links to videos and articles, then answer all the questions *in two to three complete sentences* in the provided text boxes. *This needs to be in your own words and not copied from the internet.*

There are four branches of science studied today; these are Natural, Formal, Applied, and Social. The Natural Sciences encompass chemistry, astronomy, Earth science, physics, and biology. This branch deals with understanding how the physical world works, and these tend to be the branches that people associate with the word Science. The Formal Sciences encompass logic and mathematics,they use formal systems to help understand and decipher knowledge. Applied Sciences follow the use of the scientific method. That leaves the Social Sciences, also called Social Studies, which are anthropology, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology, and finally geography. The Social Sciences study human societies and relationships.

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How do the Social Sciences connect to each other?

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**Anthropology**

Anthropos= human ; Pology=study of

Anthropology is the study of humanity. Anthropology can be broken down into four main branches; these are Cultural, Biological(Physical), Linguistic, and Archaeology. Cultural Anthropology looks at the variation of cultures around the world. Biological, also known as Physical, Anthropology focuses on the biological aspects of humanity as well as looking at evolution and other primates. Linguistic Anthropology follows the evolution of speech and works to document languages and spread languages that are at risk of dying out. Archaeology studies humanity through material goods left behind by previous cultures and societies.

[Read this Article](https://www.sapiens.org/language/what-is-anthropology/) and [Watch this Video](https://youtu.be/J5aglbgTEig)

Why is it beneficial to study Anthropology?

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**Economics**

Eco= home ; Nomics= accounts

Economics studies the production, distribution, and consumption of goods. The two main branches are Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. In Microeconomics, economists focus on a single aspect of the economy. This can be looking individuals all the way up to an entire industry and how they relate and work within the economy. Macroeconomics however looks at the economy as a whole and how each aspect works together.

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Why is it important to study Economics?

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**History**

Historia= narrative, finding out

History is the study of the past. History is often divided into two larger categories, Ancient and Modern, and then broken down further into smaller time periods within these two periods. How historians study the past can vary, some focus on a single topic such as Political History, Military History, or Food History. While some Historians choose to focus on a time period or civilization instead such as the Victorian era, Stone age, or Ming Dynasty.

[Watch this Video](https://youtu.be/MAADLQU3Kl4) and [Read this Article](https://www.historytoday.com/archive/head-head/what-history)

Why is it important to study History?

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**Political Science**

Politiká= affairs of the city

Political Science, also known as government, studies governments and political activity. There are three main subfields of Political Science: Political Theory, Comparative Study, and International Relations. Political Theory, sometimes referred to as Political Philosophy, studies political ideas as well as political values. Comparative Study compares and contrasts different governments and their laws. And finally International Relations focus on how and why various nations interact.

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Why is it beneficial to study Political Science?

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**Psychology**

Psyche=spirit or soul ; Ology= study of

Psychology is the study of the human mind and of human behavior. There are many ways to break down Psychology, as there are many different fields within it. A simple way to organize these fields is to first break Psychology into four branches, Clinical Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Behavioral Psychology, and Biopsychology. Clinical Psychology specializes in providing mental and behavioral care for individuals. Cognitive Psychology studies the mental facilities of the brain and disorders associated. Behavioral Psychology studies the conditioning of behaviors in society. And Biopsychology studies the functions of the brain and the evolution of the brain.

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Why is it important to study Psychology?

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**Sociology**

Socius= companion ; Ology= study of

Sociology is the study of human social behavior. Sociology is another branch of Social Science that can be difficult to categorize as it has many different branches and subfields. Sociologists strive to study and understand day to day social interactions between people in society, and they believe that people are influenced by their environment. Different branches tend to focus on a single topic such as Sociology of culture, Sociology of Law, Sociology of Education, Sociology of Family, Etc.

[Watch this Video](https://youtu.be/xPXezx_pye8) and [Read this Article](https://www.asanet.org/sites/default/files/savvy/introtosociology/Documents/Field%20of%20sociology033108.htm)

Why is it important to study Sociology?

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**Geography**

Geo= Earth ; Graphia= writing

Geography is the study of the Earth. There are three main branches of Geography are Physical Geography, Geographic Techniques, and Human Geography. Physical Geography refers to the natural processes of the Earth, the four spheres of the Earth (Lithosphere, Atmosphere, Hydrosphere, and Biosphere), and climatology. Geographic Techniques encompass the systems used to help measure and understand the Earth such as mapmaking (cartography), statistics, and Remote Sensing.Human Geography focuses on Humans and their interaction with the environment and the Earth. In Human Geography everything from Culture and History all the way to Populations and Settlements is studied.

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Why is it beneficial to study Geography?

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Does Human Geography need the other Social Sciences? Why or why not?

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