

Social Stratification Preliminary Examination Reading List
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Note: “in Grusky” refers to selections in both the second (2001) and third (2008) editions of:
Grusky, David B. (editor). *Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological
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For excerpts from Grusky, students are encouraged to identify and consult the original works to
ascertain the broader contexts of the excerpts.

I. The Structure of Social Stratification

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Durkheim, Emile. “The Division of Labor in Society” (in Grusky)

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Marx, Karl. “Classes in Capitalism and Pre-Capitalism;” “Ideology and Class” (in Grusky)

Mills, C. Wright. 1956. “The Power Elite” (in Grusky)

Parkin, Frank. 1979. “Marxism and Class Theory: A Bourgeois Critique” (in Grusky)

Weber, Max. “Class, Status, Party;” “Status Groups and Classes” (in Grusky)

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II. Is Stratification Inevitable and Positively Functional?

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III. Status Attainment and Social Mobility

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- Jencks, Christopher. 1979. *Who Gets Ahead? The Determinants of Economic Success in America*. New York: Basic Books.
- MacLeod, Jay. 1995. *Ain't No Makin' It: Aspirations and Attainment in a Low-Income Neighborhood*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.
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