**An overview of sociology, psychology, and anthropology:**

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| **Discipline / Field of Study** | **‘Definition’** | **Fundamental Questions** | **Fundamental Beliefs** |
| **Sociology****http://diagrampic.com/wp-content/uploads/printable-human-body-outline-756.jpg** |  *“a highly structured system of human organization for large-scale community living that normally furnishes protection, continuity, security, and an identity for its members”* | How am I shaped by my surroundings? How do individuals learn and adapt to the specific rules and modes of behaviour that govern the group?**What is deemed ‘normal’ and how should ‘abnormality’ be ‘dealt with?’** **What social problems exist and how can they be overcome?** | The groups to which an individual belongs will determine the roles and expectations that s/he/they will value and emulate in her/his/hir private life. Societies function because people sacrifice some of their freedom in order to have a **functional** society. |
| **Psychology**http://laprimeraplana.com.mx/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Cerebro-Humano.jpg | The study of the human mind, behaviours, emotions, cognitive processes and personality.Social PsychologyClinical Psychology(learning/cognitive theories) | Why do humans behave as they do?How does personality develop? What is intelligence?How can we control our emotions? (can we?) | Behaviour is both learned and innate. Both factors influence and shape how individuals will behave, feel, act, or respond to external stimuli.  |
| **Anthropology****http://www.etownschools.org/cms/lib/PA01000774/Centricity/Domain/629/anthropology.jpg** | **Cultural Anthropology:**Examines and compares cultures... where culture is any behaviour that is transmitted from 1 person to another. **Physical Anthropology**: Examines evolution of humankind ... and maybe lots of ‘digging for answers’...  | How was human culture developed?What symbols do cultures share?What material objects do we possess or desire? What is ‘beauty’? How does this differ between cultures?How was language established? | “The purpose of anthropology is to make the world safe for human differences.” (Ruth Benedict)Understanding our origins will help explain how we live, communicate, and interact with our environment.  |

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