

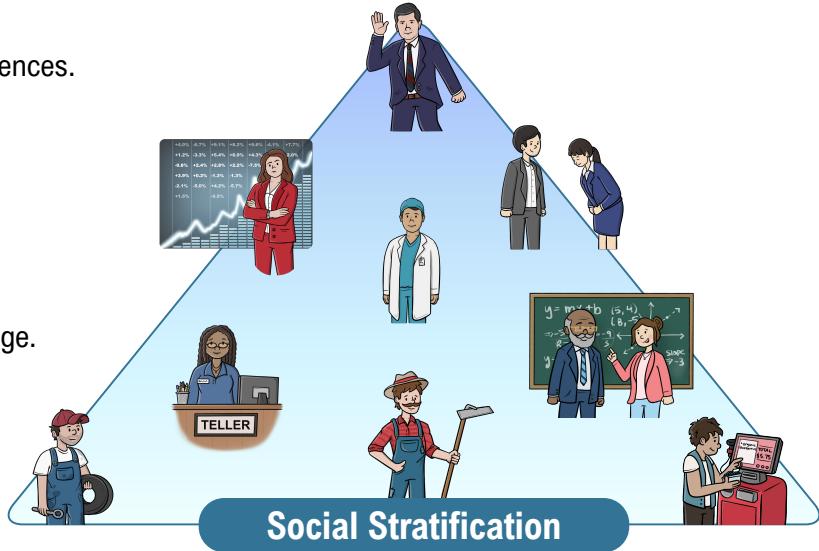
TOPIC: WHAT IS SOCIAL STRATIFICATION?

- ◆ **Social Stratification:** The way a society _____ individuals into hierarchical categories.

- ① Universal but _____.
- ② Trait of _____, not individual differences.
- ③ Carries across _____.
- ④ Involves both inequality and beliefs.

- ◆ Factors that can influence stratification:

- ▶ _____ ▶ Power.
- ▶ Income. ▶ Occupational Prestige.
- ▶ Education.



EXAMPLE

Which statement below about social stratification is **true**?

- a) Social stratification comes only from differences in the talent of individuals.
- b) Basically all societies have some form of social stratification.
- c) Social stratification refers to the hierarchy experienced within one generation.
- d) The main driving force of social stratification is occupational prestige.

PRACTICE

True or False; if false, choose the answer that would best correct the statement.

Social stratification is a reflection of how talented the individuals within a society are.

- a) True.
- b) False; Stratification is a trait of a society, not individual differences.
- c) False; Stratification is purely a reflection of how educated the population is.
- d) False; Stratification is based mainly around traditional social milestones like marriage and home ownership.