UNIT 1- SOCIAL SCIENCES: SELF AND OTHERS

1.1 Introducing the Social Sciences
WHAT ARE THE SOCIAL SCIENCES?

• What is a social science?

• **Social science** refers to the **academic disciplines** concerned with society and human nature.
ANTHROPOLOGY

Humanities In A Minute
ANTHROPOLOGY

• Is the study of human beings as a species and as members of different cultures

• Two major branches of Anthropology are:

  Physical Anthropology
  • looks at the ways in which humans are similar to, and different from, other species
  • How humans have developed biologically over time
ANTHROPOLOGY

Cultural Anthropology

• Explores how culture shaped the way people lived in the past and how they live in the world today
(ex....structures of family, how children are raised from one culture to another)
WHAT IS PSYCHOLOGY?

• Psychology is the study of human mental processes and behavior.

• Theoretical Psychologists try to understand general rules that guide our thinking and behavior

• They examine overt actions and mental processes
WHAT IS PSYCHOLOGY?

- Clinical Psychologists use this understanding to study emotions such as anger, depression, or anxiety.
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- Sociology is the scientific study of people in groups.
- Examines the relationship between people and the social structures they develop.
- Sociologist studies the actions and responses of individuals within a group in order to detect general patterns of human behaviour.
WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

- Sociologists also try to understand how society as a whole can influence our thoughts, feelings and actions
SOCIAL SCIENCE INQUIRY

Group Activity