

**Study Questions**  
**Week 3**

- (1) Why does McIntyre compare studying society to painting a picture of a fuzzy object?
- (2) What does the term “paradigm” refer to?
- (3) What are three major paradigms in the study of sociology? Which of these paradigms is the correct one? Explain.
- (4) What are the major assumptions of each of the three major paradigms?
- (5) What is the difference between microsociology and macrosociology? Classify each paradigm in one of these levels of analysis.
- (6) Which paradigm best describes the approach of Richard Kahlenberg in “Class, Not Race?” What passages from the article give you clues as to his approach?
- (7) Which paradigm best describes the approach of Herbert Gans’ in “No, Poverty Has Not Disappeared?” What passages from the article give you clues as to his approach?
- (8) Do you believe affirmative action programs are necessary? Why or why not? How should affirmative action programs be structured to best address racial issues?
- (9) Does poverty have to exist in society? Why or why not?