

## **SOCIOLOGY**

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Children are socialized in many ways. Some books that you read when you were a child probably had a lasting impact on you. Your task is to analyze children's books armed with your newfound sociological knowledge. Read two children's books or re-read two of your favorites. Use the following questions to help you in your analysis (not all questions apply):

- What was the socializing message of the book? (In other words, what lesson did it teach?)
- How are females portrayed in the book?
- How are males portrayed in the book?
- Do males and females take on traditional sex roles? (Does mom stay home and dad work in an office?) Or are more modern (less traditional) roles portrayed?
- Are any values dealt with? Do you agree or disagree with those values?
- Are there any ethnic groups portrayed in the books? How are they portrayed?
- Is there any violence in the books? If there is hitting or kicking in the book would you consider these to be violent?
- What concepts from the chapter are presented in the books (looking-glass self, re-socialization, anticipatory socialization)?

Each book analysis should be on a separate sheet of paper. The essay should be typed, double-spaced using a 12-point font. Essays not typed will be reduced by one letter grade.