

## Flash Cards (Sociology)

- Use bigger cards (3x5 is not big enough).
- Write on both sides of the card; term or question on the front, all the other information on the back.
- Don't just write "the definition" on the back of the card. Include information that helps you see the big picture, apply and analyze the material.

### Front of card:



### Back of card:

The back of the card has 3 parts (for 3 different critical thinking levels):

**Part 1.** Definition/explanation in your own words (**understanding**)

**Part 2.** An example where you'd see it in real life (**applying**)

**Part 3.** How other terms/concepts relate to that term. (**analyzing**)

*Part 1: Definition or explanation of the term in your own words.*

*Part 2: Example where you'd see/experience this concept in real life.*

*Part 3: Review how this term relates to other terms/concepts from class*

- How a person manages his public image to influence what other people think of him

Ex: Wearing a polo shirt & khakis instead of a t-shirt & shorts to meet with the Dean.

- **Erving Goffman** (coined the phrase)
- This is part of Goffman's **dramaturgical analysis**
- This is **Symbolic Interactionism**

Other hints for studying from cards:

- As you go through the cards, make a pile for the ones you know well, and another pile for the ones you don't.
- After you've gone through all the cards, go through the ones you don't know one or two more times before you stop for the day.
- Study with a partner -- it doesn't have to be someone from your class (anyone who can read the answers on your cards can help you study).
- The last 2 days before the exam, study the cards backwards (looking at the back and recalling the name of the term on the front).
- The tougher test questions will come from the second and third parts of your card (applying & analyzing).