

Theories about inequities in society...

Theory	What they think	Draw the correct picture
Functionalism	<p>Because Functionalists believe that everything in society has a purpose, they also believe that inequality also serves a purpose. Some people are successful and some are not and this helps create a motivation for the unsuccessful to become successful. They also think that it is the lower classes' fault that they are poor. This theory applies to all inequalities: social class, age, racism and gender.</p>	
Marxism	<p>Inequality is not a good thing: it is unfair. The upper class exploit the working class by paying them little when they do the majority of the work. They say that we live in a capitalist society so it is based on money. They are only concerned with the social class inequalities, not ageism, gender or racism.</p>	
Feminism	<p>They think that we still live in a patriarchal (male dominated) society so they think that women are still not listened to and treated unequally. This has changed since WWII as women started to work, but there is still a big difference in pay and that women are still expected to be housewives. They say that girls are still socialised to be weaker than men and not to be strong and so "male" jobs like becoming a Doctor rather than being a Nurse. This theory applies to gender inequalities only.</p>	

