I. Origin: Modernity and Social Theory

A. Great Transformation

1. Industrial Revolution

2. Political Revolutions

3. Protestant Reformation

4. Scientific Revolution

5.. “New” Worlds

B. New World: Modernity

1. New institutions

a. economy-capitalism

b. political system -democracy

2. New ideas

a. individual

b. progress

c. utopia

3. Defining idea: science could be used to shape the world (positivism)

a. scientific method could discover laws of nature

b. scientific theories would explain laws of nature

c. science, its method, discoveries and theory would give humans

power over nature

d. physics, biology, chemistry

4. Science, method, discovery, theory could be applied to human world

a. method would discover laws that govern human behavior/interaction

b. theories could be used to shape society as utopia

c. sociology, psychology, history, anthropology, economics