Sociologists use theory to ground their arguments and analysis. Three broad sociological perspectives, or theoretical frameworks include:

* Symbolic Interactionism
* Functionalism
* Conflict Theory

Sociologists use these perspectives to answer questions they have about our social world on both a micro (symbolic interactionism) and macro (functionalism and conflict theory) level.

Consider a license plate and vehicle registration – everyone is supposed to have one. Using each (3) of the sociological perspectives, briefly explain how each perspective might be used to analyze having a registration for your vehicle. That is, how might you use symbolic interactionism to explain a motor vehicle owners license plates and registration (micro level analysis). What about functionalism and conflict theory, how might sociologists use these perspectives to evaluate licensing and registration on a macro level?

Remember, excellent or exemplary applications exceed question requirements, including self-reflection, timeliness, and connections to course content which includes **bolded** or *italicized*sociological concepts, and a works cited. **To earn the most points, be sure to include specific concepts detailed in our readings, lecture, supplemental materials.**

Here are some examples of license plates – these might be helpful hints as you frame your answer.



