Mechanical Society:

- Pre-modern society, before the industrial revolution
- Everyone had a broadly similar life experience
- E.g. Ireland in the 40’s and 50’s
- Self sufficiency
- There was solidarity because everyone was so similar

Organic Society:

- Industrial society, modern
- Variety of people, diversity of life experience
- Division of labour – people becoming specialised in specific fields
- Interdependence – everyone was connected in society
- Moral guidance – believe in the same thing e.g. law
- Solidarity because of interdependence and moral guidance

Industrialisation:

- Middle ground between mechanical and organic society
- During this time, crime rates begin to rise
- Durkheim uses the term “anomie” for this time because solidarity is weak
- This happens during rapid changes in society