

## Reflection #6

### Respond to the questions below based on your review of Chapter 6 Middle Childhood

#### **1-Describe Erickson's developmental stages found in middle childhood. How can Erickson's theory be useful for assessment?**

Erickson's developmental stage found in middle childhood refers to industry vs. inferiority. Children in this stage is ending their preschool years moving into building on new skills to enhance their intellectual abilities. The "industry" is described as the building on competence and intellectual skills, social and physical skills and "inferiority" refers to those individuals who have not yet developed or gained the sense of competence. This can occur for several reasons, possibly because the child had not developed the social skills, interacting with their peers in a school setting or playing sports and other games thereby creating feelings of inferiority.

#### **2-Discuss the significance of peer relationships in middle childhood. How can peer relationships support development in middle childhood? How can peer relationships impede development in middle childhood?**

Peer relationships are super important for children, it helps with developing fine and growth motor skills including coordination, physical strength and flexibility. Children can learn from one another and adapt to others behavior especially in a school setting. This adaptation isn't always positive, since children can emulate their interaction and role taking between peers. Social problems such as peer difficulties, divorce and family disruption can impede the development in peer relationships.

#### **3-Discuss the development of social cognition social role-taking and interpersonal awareness. How can social cognition function to support and/or impede development in middle childhood?**

Social role taking is the ability for the child to understand other's feelings and perspectives which a critical component in healthy social development is, it also exhibits the child's ability to connect with others and strengthens the child's ability to take on the role of another person for example, during middle childhood ages children play games like house. The girl usually takes on the role as the mother and the friends may take the role as the children and/or other relatives. This is an important factor that facilitates social cognition in children.