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Human Behavior in the social environment 2

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Reflection #6

1-Describe Erickson's developmental stages found in middle childhood. How can Erickson's theory be useful for assessment? Erickson's developmental stages found in middle childhood are between the age of 6 through 12. During this stage, children acquire knowledge in physical skills, social skills, and intellectual development. Another thing that occurs during this stage is that children are more capable of coordinating and problem-solving. Erickson's theory can be useful for assessment by allowing children to read and analyze their decision-making. Children can develop a better understanding of how and why things are the way they are. Based on Erickson's theory, children become more focused and able to problem-solve at this stage, which can help in the assessment process.

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? The significance of peer relationships in middle childhood is very important in the development of the child, especially when interacting with other children. Most children experience their biggest challenges within the school system. This is where they learn how to socialize with others. Throughout having peer relationships, children learn to resolve their differences and develop emotional skills. However, peer relationships can also impede children's development in middle childhood. Bullying is a perfect example of how peer relationships in middle childhood can have a negative effect on a child's life.

3-Discuss the development of social cognition, in particular, social role-taking and interpersonal awareness. How can social cognition function to support and/or impede development in middle childhood? The development of social cognition is crucial to a child in middle childhood. This is because adolescence is when a child is finding a social role in society. For example, a child that is starting to make friends and does not have the ability to recognize or take into consideration the emotions of their peers would have a difficult time getting along with others. If a child can develop the ability to have social cognition, then this child will most likely show empathy and have a better chance of connecting with others.