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Contextual Analysis Questions:

- 1. How can parents, teachers and friends promote or impede identity exploration in this case?**
In this case parents, teachers and friends can impede identity exploration by subjecting Havar to live out a dream that isn't necessarily his own. Since Havar's father runs a family business it's expected that he follows his father's journey; he isn't allowed to find his own path and identity. Havar didn't have a dream of going to college because of the expectations of the others around him to take over the family's business after his father. Teachers could easily advocate for Havar to be given the freedom to choose his own path to take instead of being forced to follow in someone else's. Havar's dreams are all based on what others around him think is best for him.
- 2. How may culture influence Havar's identity exploration process?**
Due to Havar growing up in a Cuban culture where they cooked food to survive and vended food on a street sidewalk, such behavior is considered to be a cultural norm to Havar. The different patterns such as ways of living and career choices are influenced by the behaviors Havar saw displayed by his own family. If all he knows is selling/cooking food to make a living, he's more likely to continue to replicate the same thing.
- 3. How typical is Havar's identity formation process for children born to immigrant parents?**
Havar's identity formation process for children born to immigrant parents is highly typical because usually children born to immigrant parents find themselves having a hard time adjusting to their new home country and detaching from their previous ways of living/traditions.

Psychosocial Analysis Questions:

- 1. How does psychosocial theory explain why Havar wants to be just like his father?**
Psychosocial theory explains why Havar wants to be just like his father because around stage 5 (12-19 years) people begin to have identity vs. role confusion. During this stage adolescents are heavily influenced by their role models and people directly in contact with them. Havar clearly is influenced by the actions of his father and therefore has chosen to imitate everything he's seen his father do.
- 2. Imagine Havar fifteen years in the future, when he is in his thirties. What might his life be like? What challenges may he be facing that are a result of career, educational and lifestyle decisions he is making now?**
Havar in fifteen years may experience hardships because obviously as time goes on the economy changes and businesses tend to fade. As a result in his career he may face financial hardships due to possible food shortages for example. If he decides to switch careers he'll end up finding himself stuck due to not attending college; the majority of jobs require employees to have an educational background and a certain amount of experience.