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Reflection #7

Review the case study of Havar & the Restaurant.

Contextual Analysis Questions:

1. Parents, teachers, and peers can most definitely promote identity exploration by just what is talked about and taught. What is lived by and an example of? A child learning from their parents is one thing, but from their teachers and peers is another. The age of 13 to 18 can be a drastic change in identity exploration. From sexual to their talents and interests, affecting the peers they would like to be with; all everyday interactions with people will promote or demote a teen's identity from one leaf side to the other.
2. Havar being an American teenager grew of the American culture but also the Cuban from his father and the Mexican culture from his mother. All within the boy's own cultural identity.
3. Children like Havar have their identities affected by their immigrant families' culture is very common. Among all children whether having American families or immigrant families, no matter the cultural differences, a child will still live by and identify with it.

Psychosocial Analysis questions

1. Unknown to the mentioned "psychological theory", I can conclude that children would like to grow up as their parents for either lack of self-esteem or wanting parents' approval due to lack of parental love/ acceptance. Or due to a growing understanding of their parent's life and goal and status that they too want to achieve in their life in due time.

However, in Havar's case, a child growing into an adult could have been influenced or pressured by others to take over their family's business/legacy. If having the talent to do so, the child can grow to want to take over even more out of the responsibilities as the next generation of their family's name.

2. After 15 years, Havar may have wondered what life would have been like if pursued college and started his own cooking business or even have a whole upside-down life. Perhaps if he didn't just take over his parent's restaurant, he may have been in a cubicle working a 9 to 5 job staring at a screen for his entire life. Or, Havar is very proud to honor his parent's last name by continuing on to the same path the parents have made instead of making his own new path. Perhaps, the decision to stay may have given him opportunities to be famous and further the business in the Hollywood mainstream where he becomes a master chef. His only challenge is the unknown. But if there are doubts about his decisions, it will be another challenge of self-identity even in his thirties.