

THEORISTS ROLE PLAYS--WHO AM I?

My theory has four major stages that are concerned mainly with children's cognitive or mental development. I believe that children at different ages think differently. And by the way, please pronounce my name correctly, I'm French, you know!

JEAN PIAGET

I developed eight specific stages of personality from birth to old age. I believe that the personality develops continuously throughout the life cycle. The individual's personality is in constant motion and is always redeveloping itself.

ERIK ERIKSON

My theory is concerned with the physical development of children. I determined the normal sequence of development and at what age children should be able to do certain things. My age-norms are still used today.

ARNOLD GESELL

Mine is a humanistic theory in which each person has his/her own inner nature and a strong motivation to express that nature. However, the basic survival needs, which all living organisms have, must be met. My hierarchy of needs has become quite famous, if I do say so myself!

ABRAHAM MASLOW

My theories have influenced many theorists over the years. My most known studies are the three theoretical components of personality, which are the ID, the EGO, and the SUPEREGO. I also identified the five psychosexual stages. Surely you've heard of me, I'm very famous, even though many people think I got a little hung up on the sexual aspects of development.

SIGMUND FREUD

My theory is based on how children develop morally. I have three levels of moral development: preconventional, conventional, and postconventional. If you would have attended one of my conventions, you would already know that!

LAWRENCE KOHLBERG