

Chapter 9 Questions

1. How do genetics influence our development? What is the role of maturation?
2. How does a mother's behavior while pregnant affect prenatal development? What are some of the negative effects on the developing fetus? How can a mother enhance fetal development?
3. How do cognitive abilities in infants develop? What are the strengths of Piaget's theory and what are the arguments against his theory?
4. What is the importance of infant attachment? Discuss the two leading research experiments in attachment. How do parenting styles affect development?
5. Adolescence is often seen as a crucial stage of human development. What is happening at this stage that would lead people to come up with that conclusion? What are the challenges that teens face on their journey to adulthood?
6. What changes do we go through during adulthood? How does behavior in our youth affect our later development? How do our cognitive abilities change as we age?