

## Week 3 Discussion: Middle and Late Childhood

### Required Resources

Read/review the following resources for this activity:

- Textbook: Chapter 7, 8, 9, 10
- Lesson
- Minimum of 1 scholarly source (in addition to the textbook)

### Initial Post Instructions

**Option 1:** In our readings this week there is an extensive discussion on educating children in their early childhood years. Based on what you know about Piaget's stages of cognitive development, what type of early childhood education program would you want your child to attend? Why?

**Option 2:** A young man was sentenced to serve 10 years for selling a small amount of marijuana when he was 15 years old. He escaped from prison six months after his sentencing and moved to a different state. The authorities located him when he went to vote, 30 years later. He is a professional carpenter and a model citizen. Should he be sent back to prison to serve the remainder of his 9.5-year sentence? Why or why not? Is your answer to this question based in the preconventional, conventional or post conventional level of moral reasoning? Should the level of moral reasoning be based on the stage of development that the man was in when he escaped from prison, or when he was located by authorities? Explain.

Review Kohlberg's Levels of Moral Reasoning from your text by clicking on tabs below:

- **Preconventional-** Lowest level. Moral reasoning is controlled primarily by external rewards and punishment.
- **Conventional-** Intermediate level. Individuals abide by certain standards, but these are standards set by others such as parents or society.
- **Postconventional-** Highest level. The individual recognizes alternative moral courses, explores the options, and then decides on a personal moral code.

### Follow-Up Post Instructions

Respond to at least one peer. Further the dialogue by providing more information and clarification.

### Writing Requirements

- Minimum of 2 posts (1 initial & 1 follow-up)
- Minimum of 2 sources cited (assigned readings/online lessons and an outside source)
- APA format for in-text citations and list of references

### Grading

This activity will be graded using the Discussion Grading Rubric. Please review the following link: Link (webpage): [Discussion Guidelines](#)

**Course Outcomes (CO): 1, 3, 4**

**Due Date for Initial Post: By 11:59 p.m. MT Recommended by**

**Wednesday Due Date for Follow-Up Posts: By 11:59 p.m. MT on Sunday**

**Posts must be on separate days.**