

Discussion Post #1: Nature vs. Nurture

One of the oldest arguments in the history of psychology is the **Nature vs Nurture** debate. Each of these sides has good points that it's really hard to decide whether a person's development is predisposed in his DNA, or a majority of it is influenced by this life experiences and his environment. Before beginning this post, think about and select a personality trait that you have.

Now do the following in your post:

- Describe the personality trait you picked **(.50 points)**
- Explain how this personality trait is impacted by nature, nurture, and a combination of both; you are to explain for each of these **(2 points)**
- Select whether nature, nurture, and an interaction of both has the strongest impact on the personality trait and explain why **(2 points)**
- Explain whether you think it might be possible to alter this personality trait and explain why or why not **(1 point)**
- Identify the consensus on the nature vs. nurture debate as it is now in lifespan developmental psychology **(.50 points)**

After you post your discussion:

1. Pick two classmates who have already posted.
2. Respond to the classmates' responses using complete sentences and focusing on the similarities and/or differences between your post and theirs.
3. Your response should be about one paragraph per case study. It is due by [date].
4. The two responses are worth a maximum of **4 points**. These are due by [date].

Points: 10