Influences on development

Activity

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Learning aim B1

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Many different factors can influence human development. Some of these factors are biological, including genetic inheritance, and some of these factors are environmental, including parenting style and culture.

Arnold Gesell’s maturation theory argued that children’s development was biologically determined and that the environment had little influence. However, Albert Bandura’s social learning theory argued that social factors and the environment have a much greater influence on children’s development.

Carry out some research into different biological and environmental factors that influence human development. Use this information to complete the table below, confirming whether you think the influencing factor is biological or environmental.

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| Influencing factors | Biological or environmental |
| Down’s syndrome |  |
| Availability of childcare services |  |
| Prematurity |  |
| Asthma |  |
| Bullying |  |
| Poverty |  |
| Cystic fibrosis |  |
| Foetal alcohol syndrome |  |
| Types of housing |  |
| Pollution |  |

<http://www.simplypsychology.org/bandura.html>

<http://study.com/academy/lesson/arnold-gesell-biography-theory-of-child-development.html>