

Psych Chapter 5

Development Through the Lifespan

Developmental Psych's Major Issues

- Developmental Psychology – examine physical, cognitive (decision making), and social (how you become attached to guardians/caretakers, develop a sense of morality) development across lifespan
 - Nature and Nurture- genetic makeup or environment causes characteristics?
 - Continuity and stages
 - Stability and change – what things are likely to stay the same/change over the course of your lifetime?

Prenatal Development and the Newborn

- Conception
 - Women born with all eggs they will ever have
 - Men begin producing sperm during puberty & continue throughout life
 - Sperm eat away protective layer of egg
 - One sperm enters egg & blocks out others
 - Nuclei of sperm & egg fuse