

## Developmental Stages According to: Erickson & Piaget

**Psychosocial Stages**  
by Erik Erickson

**Cognitive Stages**  
by Jean Piaget

<p><b>Basic trust versus mistrust (Birth to 12-18 months)</b> Baby develops sense of whether world can be trusted. Virtue: hope.</p>	<p><b>Sensorimotor (Birth to 2 years)</b> Infant changes from a being who responds primarily through reflexes to one who can organize activities in relation to the environment. Learns through sensory and motor activity.</p>
<p><b>Autonomy versus double (12-18 months to 3 years)</b> Child develops a balance of independence over doubt and shame. Virtue: will.</p>	<p><b>Pre-operational (2 to 7 years)</b> Child develops a representational system and uses symbols such as words to represent people, places, and events.</p>
<p><b>Initiative versus guilt (3 to 6 years)</b> Child develops initiative when trying out new things and is not overwhelmed by failure. Virtue: purpose.</p>	
<p><b>Industry versus inferiority (6 years to puberty)</b> Child must learn skills of the culture or face feelings of inferiority. Virtue: skill.</p>	<p><b>Concrete operations (7 to 12 years)</b> Child can solve problems logically if they are focused on the here and now.</p>
<p><b>Identity versus identify confusion (puberty to young adulthood)</b> Adolescent must determine own sense of self. Virtue: fidelity</p>	<p><b>Formal operations (12 years through adulthood)</b> Person can think in abstract terms, deal with hypothetical situations, and think about possibilities.</p>
<p><b>Intimacy versus isolation (young adulthood)</b> Person seeks to make commitments to others; if unsuccessful, may suffer from sense of isolation and self-absorption. Virtue: love.</p>	
<p><b>Generativity versus stagnation (middle adulthood)</b> Mature adult is concerned with establishing and guiding the next generation or else feels personal impoverishment. Virtue: care.</p>	
<p><b>Integrity versus despair (old age)</b> Elderly person achieves a sense of acceptance of own life, allowing the acceptance of death, or else falls into despair. Virtue: wisdom.</p>	