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Expanding Social Horizons: Socioemotional Development in Middle Childhood

1. How do you think the parenting style you experienced has influenced your personality, behavior, and relationships as an adult?

The parenting style I grew up with has had a big impact on who I am today. If my parents were warm and supportive, it likely made me more confident, open to expressing myself, and able to form healthy relationships.

2. How could developmental change in the nature of friendship be explained in terms of Piaget's stages of intellectual development?

Developmental changes in friendships can be explained through Piaget's stages of intellectual development. In the preoperational stage (around ages 2-7), children view friendships as based on shared activities or playing together, without much understanding of others' perspectives. As they enter the concrete operational stage (around ages 7-11), children begin to see friendships as more complex, involving trust, understanding, and mutual respect. They become better at considering others' viewpoints and develop deeper emotional bonds with friends.

3. Do you think parents should limit how much TV and Computer time their children get? Why or why not?

Yes, parents should limit how much TV and computer time their children get. Too much screen time can negatively impact children's health, such as contributing to poor sleep, lack of physical activity, and reduced attention span. It can also limit their social interactions and the development of real-world problem-solving skills. Setting

reasonable limits allows children to explore other activities, like reading, playing outdoors, or engaging in hobbies, which are crucial for well-rounded development.

4. What can parents and teachers do to discourage prejudice in children?

To discourage prejudice in children, parents and teachers can actively teach values like empathy, kindness, and respect for all people, regardless of their differences. It's important to provide diverse experiences and environments where children can interact with people from various backgrounds. Reading books, discussing real-life examples, and encouraging critical thinking about stereotypes can also help. Most importantly, adults should model inclusive and respectful behavior, as children learn a lot from observing how the adults in their lives treat others.