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The nature of development

Orderly, cumulative, directional

Heinz Werner

Qualitative versus Quantitative change

 Qualitative – may involve reorganization

Normative versus individual

Frameworks

 Evolutionary

 Heredity and Environment

Six major theories of development

Piaget

Information-Processing theories

Sociocultural theories

Psychoanalytic

Social Learning

Bowlby’s adaptational

Major issue

Gradual versus stage

Early versus current experience

Specificity versus generality

Methods

 Experiments

Natural experiments

Naturalistic observation

Longitudinal versus cross-sectional versus cross-sequential (accelerated longitudinal design)

 Cohort effects

Attrition