

Is personality determined mostly by genetic makeup or environment?

Nature

- 10,000 instincts identified
- Some personality traits remain constant through life
- Studies of twins
- Men and women use different parts of the brain
- Men are more aggressive
- Genes make incest a taboo
- Born with predispositions
- Tendency to form “pecking orders”
- Language development
- Aptitudes(capacity to learn)
- Similar characteristics as parents

Nurture

- People that are older score higher on intelligence tests
- Isolated children don't develop normally
- Pavlov's dogs
- City dwellers have higher intelligence than rural area
- Lower class children not taught to be academically competitive
- Culture values (cooperation, loyalty, competitive)
- Change of social behavior from generation to generation
- Sexual mores
- Birth order