

LESSON TWO – INTRODUCING THE TWO MODELS OF CHILDHOOD

| BIOLOGICAL MODEL | SOCIAL MODEL |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone under the age of 18 is a child | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lives of under-18s around the world can be very different |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children need to be protected by adults | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children can do what is expected of them by adults and what they need to do to survive |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children need adults to make responsible decisions for them | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children can make decisions and protect themselves and other people |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are vulnerable | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children often play important roles in their families |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children cannot make responsible or informed choices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children often work to provide food for themselves and their families |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children need adults to teach them what is right and wrong | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children choose to go to school to make their lives better |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children need adults to provide for them | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not letting children make decisions about their own lives is unfair |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children need adults to protect them | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having responsibilities is good for children's development |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children can't have political opinions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children can be strong and resourceful |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are physically weak | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 is just a number |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childhood is a biological stage of life, ending at age eighteen | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children can have valid opinions about the world they live in |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are innocent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childhood is not the same in poor countries and rich countries |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are easily manipulated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The way that adults treat children affects the way that they behave |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will make wrong decisions if left on their own | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a child has to make decisions and be responsible then they will |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children should spend their time at school or playing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults should listen to the important things that children have to say |