

The Giving Tree – an analysis of Erikson’s Eight Stages of Psychosocial Development

For **each** stage below, choose either the **boy’s** OR the **tree’s** perspective to analyze. Indicate if the given stage is portrayed in the book by circling **yes** or **no**. Then give a brief **support** of your decision. This must include a reference to the **conflict** at each stage.

Stage 1: Trust vs. Mistrust	Boy / Tree	Yes / No
Stage 2: Autonomy vs. Shame and Doubt	Boy / Tree	Yes / No
Stage 3: Initiative vs. Guilt	Boy / Tree	Yes / No
Stage 4: Competence vs. Inferiority	Boy / Tree	Yes / No
Stage 5: Identity vs. Role Confusion	Boy / Tree	Yes / No
Stage 6: Intimacy vs. Isolation	Boy / Tree	Yes / No
Stage 7: Generativity vs. Stagnation	Boy / Tree	Yes / No
Stage 8: Integrity vs. Despair	Boy / Tree	Yes / No