

Secrets of a Wild Child

1. Why was the name Genie chosen?
2. What was one of her most captivating qualities?
3. According to Shurley, what is the most severe punishment?
4. What question puzzled the Genie team for years?
5. What did James Kent feel would help Genie?
6. What breakthrough gave them hope?
7. By what is our sensitivity to temperature influenced?
8. Why was Victor's case called the Forbidden Experiment?
9. According to Noam Chomsky, why do we have language?
10. What did Lennenberg mean by the critical period in language?
11. What role did James Kent take?
12. What did Genie horde that was similar to other children reared in isolation?
13. What developmental breakthrough did Genie have?
14. Why did the National Institute of Mental Health pull funding?
15. As far as language, at what was Genie not good?
16. Who filed a lawsuit against the research team for excessive, outrageous testing?

17. After being punished in her foster home. how did she regress?

18. What two roles were combined in one person?

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20. How do you feel about the way Genie's parents and the psychologists treated her? Be specific.

21. How would you have modified her treatment by the psychologists and foster parents?

22. Discuss the nature vs. nurture issue---are we who we are because we were born that way, or does our environment make us who we are?