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This Assignment should be written adhering to the guidelines of Standard English. This means that your thoughts should be well organized, logical, and unified as well as original with the viewpoint and purpose clearly established and sustained. Standard English guidelines also include the use of correct grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure. All writing should be in APA Formatting and Citation style.

**Thinking about the Nature/Nurture Issue in Child Development**

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The purpose of this assignment is to think more deeply about the role of nature and nurture in development. In your exploration of the nature/nurture issue, please address the following five points using complete sentences and citing the source for any information that is not your own.

1) In your own words, define the term nature and define the term nurture.

2) The controversy regarding nature versus nurture dates back hundreds of years. Using Chapter 1 of the textbook, imagine a debate between John Locke and Jean-Jacques Rousseau on the nature-nurture controversy. Summarize the argument each historical figure would make for either the nature side of the debate or the nurture side of the debate.

3) Peruse Chapter 2, Chapter 3, and/or Chapter 4 of your textbook for two examples of nature and two examples of nurture. Be sure to cite the textbook information/research findings to support your ideas. Explain how each of your examples illustrate nature or nurture.

4) Contemporary developmentalists now grant roles to both the influence of nature and nurture on development, but believe the relative contribution of each influence can vary. To understand the relationship between nature and nurture, scientists have proposed various ways to understand how nature and nurture work together. Concepts that have been proposed include Gene-Environment Interaction, Gene-Environment Correlation, and Epigenesis. Briefly describe each concept, making clear which one you believe explains the relationship between nature and nurture best.

5) Your opinion: Based on the Unit 1 and Unit 2 readings, do you think nature, or nurture, or both play(s) the bigger role in development? Why?

**References**

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