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Viewing Guide, "Secrets of the Wild Child"

1. What is the Critical Period Hypothesis?
2. What is the "forbidden experiment"?
3. Why was the discovery of Genie an important development in testing the critical period hypothesis?
4. What ethical issues were involved in the research on Genie?
5. According to the video, did the researchers find support for the Critical Period Hypothesis? Why or why not?
6. Who is Noam Chomsky? What contributions did he make to the study of language?
7. What were the items that Genie was found hoarding?
8. Does social experience play a crucial role in forming personality? Explain.
9. What did Genie and Victor have in common?
10. Were Genie and Victor re-socialized successfully? Explain.