



# Sigmund Freud

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# Life

- Freud grew up in Freiburg, Moravia. He had 7 siblings and grew up poor.
- Attended the university of Vienna. And could speak 8 languages.
- Received his degree the same year he met his wife

# Summary of his theory

- As a child develops, they go through psychosexual stages
- These stages are oral, anal, phallic, latent, and genital

# Oral

- Birth to one year.
- Roots in the sucking reflex.
- Conflict occurs during the process of weening the child, the child must become independent.

# Anal

- Focus of the libido is bowel/bladder control.
- If shamed, child may develop a destructive personality.

# Phallic

- Child develops a Oedipus complex
- Often times the male child grows a fear or hatred for the parent of the same sex, male children often develop castration anxiety.
- Eventually the child comes to identify with the parent of the same sex.

# Latent

- Libido interests are suppressed
- Development of ego and super ego
- Concerns with peer relationships
- Time of explanation

# Genital

- Develops strong sexual interest in the opposite sex
- Interests in the welfare of others
- If other stages are completed, individual should now be well balanced



# Applying

- Greater understanding of the child's thoughts and feelings can lead to better relationships and a better idea of how to act with your child

# Example

- Bobby and his mom moved to Tennessee when he was 2, during this time he was potty trained. In Texas, he stopped peeing in bed but once he moved to Tennessee, his habits started up again. His mom scolded him and he began to wet himself on purpose. As he grew up, he became reckless and careless.

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