

Erikson's eight stages

Family



Erik Erikson's psychosocial theory of social development views the development of the human personality continued over several developmental stages. Erikson seemed to be focused on the different stresses and different paths that our lifecycles go through to the present day for an individual. In familial situations the behavior of the individual seems to serve some purpose in a family structure. Human relationships throughout various stages of development, therefore, draw people together as well as drive them apart, determine how conflicts are managed, and how communication bonds are established. The movie that I could say would describe these stages step by step would be the movie *Forrest Gump*. Forrest's character is portrayed as innocent like that of a child. The beginning of the film the most influential being in his life was his mother. He was born crippled and was picked on throughout school because of it. He didn't get pushed down because of it motivated him to be a better and treat everyone with love and respect. Although *Forrest Gump* wasn't the smartest man, he was still a great leader as well as a great follower. As he develops into different life stages you can see Erikson's stages come out in order. From his mother whom he trusted and never treated him as a special needs child as we could see he was she treated him as a normal boy and always told him he was. To the second stage when he shows feelings toward a little girl whom he cared for and showed compassion for throughout the movie. The third stage he began school and he was being bullied so he decided to run and he ran out of his leg braces. The fourth stage his school life as it continues on and his sweetheart moving away. The fifth stage Forrest joined the military, he was told what to do. This can be attributed to the life lessons that he was taught by his mother to listen to people. These lessons set the

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basis of his success in both his leadership in the military and his life. The sixth stage he left the military and ran and ran till he decides to stop. The seventh his mother dies and then his love of his life dies only to find out he is a father and he assumed that role. The eight stage content and feeling of fulfillment. As for the plot, there is an easily follow able story line, but one that was not predictable. The fact that it incorporates so many different areas is remarkable and one thing that made it stand out from the rest is that it use's real life events. I think this movie sums Erikson's stages step by step. It was a well written movie