During middle childhood, children develop a sense of self-esteem and individuality, comparing themselves with their peers. They come to expect they will succeed or fail at different tasks. They may develop an orientation toward achievement that will color their response to school and other challenges for many years. In early adolescence, the tumultuous physical and social changes that accompany puberty, the desire for autonomy and distance from the family, and the transition from elementary school to middle school or junior high can all cause problems for young people.

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- In the primary grades, it is possible to understand that deep meaning and logic in the creativity of students is not at the required level.
- The organization of problem-based learning is an important factor in the development of students' creativity. Each student can demonstrate a certain level of creativity in their learning activities. Creativity is not the same thing as intellectual ability. This detailed study guide helps students to understand and retain the text material at a higher level than they are likely to achieve by reading the text alone.
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