

ERIKSON'S STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT

STAGE	AGE	CONFLICT	VIRTUE	DESCRIPTION
Infancy	birth–18 months	<i>Trust vs. Mistrust</i>	Hope	<i>Infants learn to trust caregivers to meet their basic needs.</i>
Toddler	18 months–3 years	<i>Autonomy vs. Shame & Doubt</i>	Will	<i>Toddlers develop a sense of personal control and independence.</i>
Preschool	3–6 years	<i>Initiative vs. Guilt</i>	Purpose	<i>Children assert control through directing play and social interactions.</i>
Elementary	6–12 years	<i>Industry vs. Inferiority</i>	Competence	<i>Children develop a sense of pride in accomplishments and abilities.</i>
Adolescent	12–20s	<i>Identity vs. Role Confusion</i>	Fidelity	<i>Teens explore personal identity and sense of self.</i>
Young Adult	20s–40s	<i>Intimacy vs. Isolation</i>	Love	<i>Young adults form intimate, loving relationships with others.</i>
Middle Adult	40s–60s	<i>Generativity vs. Stagnation</i>	Care	<i>Adults create or nurture things that will outlast them, contributing to society.</i>
Late Adult	65+	<i>Ego Integrity vs. Despair</i>	Wisdom	<i>Seniors reflect on life and either feel a sense of fulfillment or regret.</i>