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Adolescence: A Field of Study

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Outline

- Definitions and historical perspective
- A generation of firsts
- Ecological framework

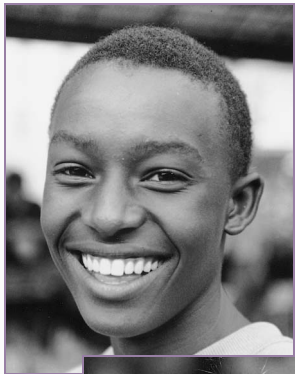


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Section A

A Definition of Terms: An Historical Perspective

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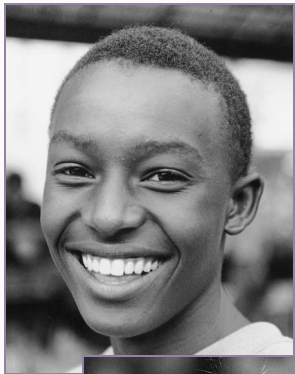


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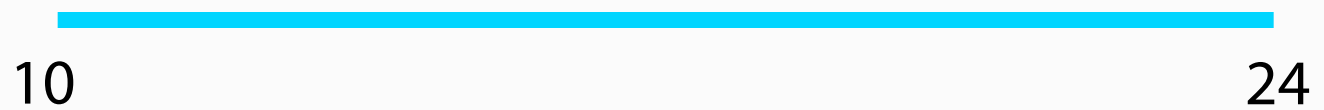
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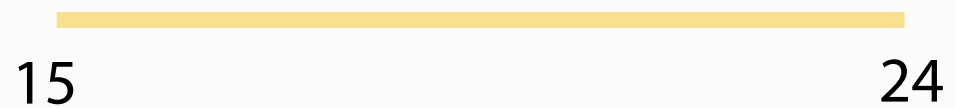
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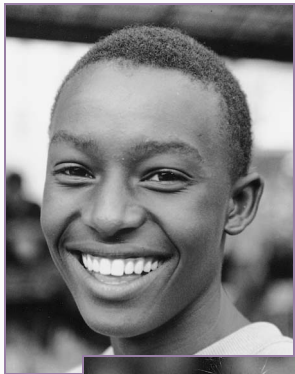
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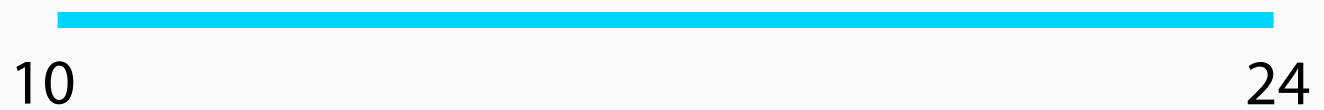
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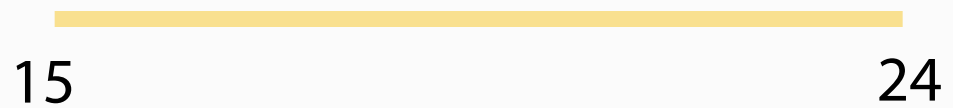
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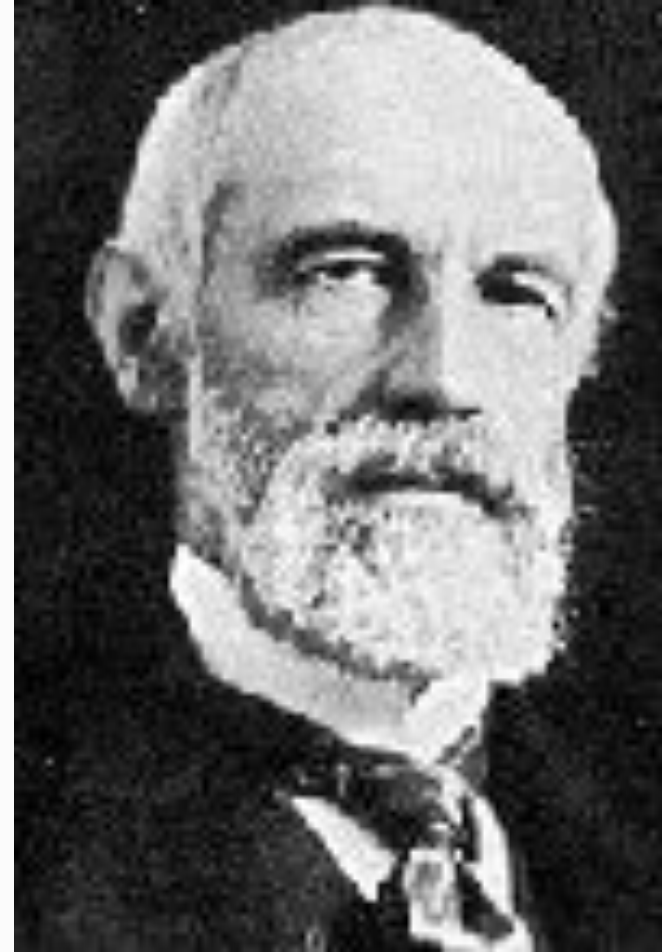


Adolescence



Granville Stanley Hall: 1844–1924

- Adolescence—its psychology and its relations to physiology, anthropology, sociology, sex, crime, religion, and education (1904)
- Hall established an experimental psychology laboratory at Johns Hopkins University in 1882



Concept of Adolescence

- Why was the concept of adolescence “invented” in 1904?

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- Age segregation and the evolution of a “youth culture”