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Research on Student Learning

Studies on young children's recognition of conflict indicate that from age six on, children are able to recognize that a child's desires may conflict with those of his parents or friends. ^[1] it is not clear whether children at this age can also recognize conflict among adults. Upper elementary-school students may not recognize that making laws (to settle conflicts) is the job of the whole community as well as political leaders. ^[2] Middle-school students may not recognize conflict involving social groups. ^[3] Middle-school students do not recognize the role of debate, disagreement, and conflict in the operation of the democratic political system. ^[4]

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