Personality & Birth Order Activity

FYI: There are thousands of studies attempting to find some correlation between birth order—that is, a child's position in the family with regard to two or more siblings—and personality. The first study by Alfred Adler in 1931 is one of the most famous. Many conclusions have been drawn about the effects of birth order on personality. Such conclusions are, at best, very general. A child's order of birth in a family cannot absolutely predict the child's personality traits. We do know, however, that birth order does affect the personality development of children.

DIRECTIONS: Complete the following tasks to develop a better understanding of the role of birth order in the development of personality.

1. Read three articles written in the last year on the topic of birth order and personality. Provide a brief summary of each article below to illustrate the current view(s) on the impact birth order has on personality.

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2. Based on the articles that you read for #1, create a list of characteristics that are generally associated with each of the following birth orders.

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3. What is your birth order position within your family? Do you exhibit any of the traits discussed? Why or Why not?

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4. What other factors contributed to the development of your personality?

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