

PIAGET'S FOUR PERIODS

PERIOD	APPROXIMATE AGES	CHARACTERISTICS
SENSORIMOTOR	Birth to two years	Children learn through their senses and their actions
PREOPERATIONAL	Two to seven years	Children think in terms of their own activities and what they perceive at the moment
CONCRETE OPERATIONS	Seven to eleven years	Children can think logically but still learn best through experience
FORMAL OPERATIONS	Eleven years to adulthood	People are capable of abstract thinking