**Human Development**

**Unit 5 – Analyzing Intellectual Development**

**Instructional Strategy 11- Study Questions for Video “Secret of the Wild Child”**

NOTE: A complete transcript for this documentary can be found at [www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/transcripts/2112gchild.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/transcripts/2112gchild.html)

1. Why did they name the girl Genie?
2. What was the first thing you noticed about the physical development of Genie?
3. Why do you think Genie “connected” with the butcher man? What was it about him that captured her attention?
4. What are the effects of “social isolation”?
5. How many words did Genie learn in the four years the doctors worked with her at Children’s Hospital?
6. Why was work with the “Wild Boy” from the 1800’s called “The Forbidden Experiment”?
7. Were Genie and Victor “profoundly retarded from birth”? What evidence is used to argue that they were or were not?
8. What peculiar habits did Genie have? Did she overcome them?
9. Noam Chomsky states that Nature not Nurture empowers a person to speak. What did he infer?
10. Eric Lenneberg’s theory is called the “Critical Period Hypothesis”. What does that mean?
11. What is a surrogate parent?
12. What conflicts developed between Genie’s best interests and the research program? Could both goals have ben achieved?
13. Where did Genie go when the research grant ended?