**Course:** PSYC 201 Lifespan Development
PSYC 201 students write five papers over the course of the semester in which they create a fictional person. This semester project requires them to incorporate information from readings, class discussions, and outside sources. The fictional child assignment was developed as part of the Internationalization Collaborative Across Bloomington (ICAB), a joint initiative between IU Bloomington and Ivy Tech Bloomington. The goals of the ICAB are to increase awareness and interest in internationalization as an essential part of the undergraduate experience, investigate and incorporate ways that internationalization can enhance teaching and learning, and nourish internationalization efforts on both campuses. To support the goals of the ICAB, one special focus of this project is to help students acquire a greater understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity. To accomplish this goal, students choose a specific national and/or cultural background for their fictional person and evaluate the influence of cultural factors on human development from conception to death.

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