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## Chores Are... Good?

Kids, please don't shoot the messenger: those chores your parents have you do around the house may actually be quite good for you.

According to research conducted at the City University, kids who are responsible for taking out the trash, mowing the lawn, keeping their rooms tidy, and other tasks to help around the house turn out to be well-adjusted adults. That means according to researchers—that chores are instrumental in helping kids learn how to complete an assigned job. They also help teach organizational skills, discipline, cooperation, and social responsibility. Kids with chores are less likely to get involved with drugs and alcohol, too.



According to the Minnesota study, "the best predictor of young adults' success in their midtwenties is that they participated in household tasks" starting as young as 3 years old. By contrast, the study found that those kids who weren't given chores by their parents on a regular basis turned out to be, well, a little bratty.

So while you may not be happy about washing those dishes now, you will probably thank your parents later.

- 1) The main purpose of the passage is to
  - A. set the stage for debate
  - B. state a hypothesis
  - C. support a theory with evidence
  - D. summarize the results of a study
- 2) As used in paragraph 2, which is the best <u>definition</u> for the phrase well-adjusted?
  - A. balanced
  - B. clean
  - C. smart
  - D. organized

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## 3) As used in paragraph 2, which is the best definition for instrumental?

- A. annoying
- B. musical
- C. distracting
- D. important

4) If added to in paragraph 3, which of the following sentences would fit best?

A. Chores should never interfere with a child's ability to spend time with his or her friends.

B. The fact is that parents usually give kids chores that they don't like doing themselves.

C. Parents should make sure their child's homework is complete before allowing them to start their chores.

D. Parents who let their kids avoid doing their fair share around the house are not doing them any favors.

5) In the final paragraph, the author suggests that

- A. doing the dishes is the worst chore of all
- B. children will one day thank the researchers for conducting this study
- C. in later years, kids will be appreciative for having done chores
- D. parents should all assign chores to their kids by the age of three
- 6) Do you find the results of the studies mentioned in the passage to be believable? Why or why not?

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