Piaget’s Stage Theory

- Progress through the stages in a fixed order
- The abilities in each stage have to be achieved before the child can progress to the next level

Sensorimotor - Birth to 2
Pre-operational - 2 to 7
Concrete Operations – 7 to 12
Formal Operations - 12+

- Used the clinical method
  - Get to know the children then question them about a topic
  - Questions & material were not presented in a standard way (depends on their characteristics)
  - Informal - less threatened so more likely to be honest
  + Takes into account individual differences (Inc validity)
  - Results are more difficult to compare & analyse