

Meanwhile, in the interdependence-oriented cultures, the key presumption is that one transitions to adulthood through their interdependence with society (Harris, 2018, p11). This is because there is always a scope for children to exercise their personal choice even though several social constraints demand that the children act within them. Therefore, both assumptions on interdependence-oriented and individualistic-oriented cultures can explain the youth transition from childhood to adulthood; none of the theories can be concluded as authoritative on what shapes a child as they transition to adulthood. Instead, the two theories are interdependent.

The history of children's development is an indispensable subject in understanding childhood. Morss,(2020, p45) observed that for several decades, children across various countries used to work alongside their parents as they learned crop cultivation, water and wood collection and animal husbandry. As Europe underwent industrialization, the children continued to work with their parents in the factories and mines, earning both for the family and sometimes for themselves. However, over time, dangerous and involving machines, hazardous chemicals and insufficient ventilation in most factories led to several people advocating against child labor. This opposition began to challenge the long-held belief that working with children was instrumental in making them responsible adults. As well, it reshaped the long-held understanding of responsible ways of raising children (Morss, 2020, p56).

By the end of the 18th century, the question of training children as part of their development was gaining pace across Europe. There was concern about whether children should receive religious and moral lessons in schools and whether delinquent children would be removed from the streets (Merriman, 2019, p18). In the end, there was a consensus on preventing children from working under adverse conditions as people discovered that this was more detrimental than beneficial to them. For a long time now, these changes have been