

IDEA 11 Adolescence is not for everybody

“Adolescence is a structurally induced period of enforced leisure.”

~ Sullivan, from *“Getting Paid”: Youth Crime and Work in the Inner City*

Adolescence is not for everyone. Adolescence was invented

In his 1967 book *Youth and Social Order*, author Musgrove argues adolescence was invented when Watt’s 1760s steam engine made it economically and socially necessary. The labor of youth was not needed, especially in factories. In the 1970s, Friedenberg’s *Vanishing Adolescent*, Gibbons’ Aboriginal “walkabout” concept, and Kett’s *Rites of Passage* prepared society for *Psychology Today*’s 1980 article “Leaving Later: The Invention of the Adolescent.”

Is adolescence working? A new more enlightened view of adolescence

Currently, a critical mass is forming around a new more enlightened view of adolescence. With an early adolescence enabled by “Tween” magazines, and the postponed adulthood of “Boomerang Kids” returning home, we seem to have an expanded “adolescence” that’s out of control. *Is adolescence working?*

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