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Chapter 14: Parenting—Read, Discuss, and Analyze Activity

Successful Parenting

READ the case study

Cori and Eric have been in a happy, successful marriage for eight years. After being married for a few years, they considered becoming parents. After evaluating the factors for parenting readiness, they decided that they were ready to support a child. Today, Cori and Eric are the parents of Lee, a pre-schooler. They enjoy doing family activities together, such as volunteering, visiting museums, and travelling on road trips. When participating in these activities and meeting other parents and children, Cori and Eric are always polite, friendly, and kind. They try to learn about new subjects and discuss current events. Cori and Eric also encourage Lee to speak up and to not be afraid to ask questions.

DISCUSS this question in class:

What types of values are Cori and Eric teaching Lee?

ANALYZE the following statements about the case study to decide which are true and which are false.

- T F When Cori and Eric decided to enter the childbearing stage in the family life cycle, they made the decision spontaneously.
- T F Cori and Eric are serving as positive role models to Lee.
- T F Cori and Eric are modeling poor self-esteem.
- T F Part of the reason Cori and Eric are good parents is because they are capable of meeting Lee's physical, intellectual, social, and emotional needs.