

## Causes of Behavior: A Case Study

Read the selection below, and answer the questions that follow. Be prepared for class discussion.

Billy was the third child of loving but busy parents. When he was growing up, he thought that his parents favored his older siblings. When Billy was four, his parents divorced, and he remained with his father. His brother and sister moved with his mother to a distant city. Billy rarely saw them. Feeling inadequate in raising his son alone, Billy's father responded by providing the child with costly toys and frequent trips to amusement parks. As Billy grew older and attended school, he had trouble focusing and was taken to a doctor for an appraisal of his abilities and disabilities. Billy's medical evaluation showed symptoms of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, but Billy's father dismissed the diagnosis. Because of these difficulties in school, Billy had trouble making friends and was ridiculed by his classmates. This diminished his self-confidence. By the time Billy was an adolescent, he had difficulty forming lasting relationships despite his expertise in athletics. He was capable of high academic achievement, but his grades were below average. Teacher reports frequently cited his excessive need for attention. Personally, he felt lost and doomed to failure.

How would an individual from each of the 6 perspectives explain Billy's Behavior:

Psychodynamic:

Behavioral:

Humanist:

Biological:

Socio-Cultural:

Cognitive Perspective: