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Viewing Guide, “Secrets of the Wild Child” available at mrgalusha.org under ET 7-6

1. What is the Critical Period Hypothesis?
2. Who is Noam Chomsky? What contributions did he make to the study of language?
3. Who is Eric Lenneberg? What contributions did he make to the study of language?
4. What is the “forbidden experiment”?
5. Why was the discovery of Genie an important development in testing the critical period hypothesis?
6. What did Genie and Victor have in common?
7. According to the video, did the researchers find support for the Critical Period Hypothesis? Why or why not?
8. What ethical issues were involved in the research on Genie?
9. Do you feel the treatment of Genie was ethical? Why or why not?
10. Were Victor and Genie able to develop language? Be very specific in your answer being sure to use terms from the unit.