Vygotsky: A Man for All Seasons

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Abstract

Originally published in Contemporary Psychology: APA Review of Books, 1979, Vol 24(3), 161–163. Reviews the book, Mind in Society: The Development of Higher Psychological Processes by L. S. Vygotsky, Michael Cole, Vera John-Steiner, Sylvia Scribner, and Ellen Souberman (see record 1979-28227-000). Mind in Society is a collection consisting of translations of previously unpublished or inaccessible manuscripts. But the words collection and translation do not do justice to this fascinating book. Vygotsky's aim was to map out a theory of psychology, certain tenets of which he bolstered with sporadic but intriguing demonstration studies. Vygotsky's work can be appreciated not only as a historical achievement, but as a truly contemporary contribution. This book brings a living sense of the excitement of Vygotsky's thinking. This book is divided into two parts, “Basic Theory and Data” and “Educational Implications,”. In summary, this is a landmark book, compulsory reading for students of developmental and adult cognition. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2006 APA, all rights reserved)

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A Man for All Seasons is a 1966 film about the life of Sir Thomas More, and his refusal to bend to the will of King Henry VIII. Directed by Fred Zinnemann. The screenplay was written by Robert Bolt, adapted from his play. I am commanded by the king to be brief, and since I am the king's obedient subject, brief I will be. I die His Majesty's good servant, but God's first. Watch full movie online A Man for All Seasons (1966) for free The story of Thomas More, who stood up to King Henry VIII when the King rejected the Roman Catholic Church to obtain a divorce and remarriage. Director: Fred Zinnemann Writers: Robert Bolt (from the play by), Robert Bolt (screenplay) Stars: Paul Scofield, Wendy Hiller, Robert Shaw. A Man for All Seasons (1966). How sad that foolish King Henry kept beheading his wives for their 'failure' to give him the sons he genetically could not have. This man's ego was monstrous and poor Thomas More was one of the few in his court to courageously defy him. It cost him the ultimate—his life—but it seemed that he went to his death with peace of mind and spirit. In the end, that's the most any of us can hope to wind up with.