Kids Array

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Children have limitless imagination, and drawing can be one the ways in which they can be creative. In order to compare the effect of psychology and environment, between urban and rural children, forty 10-year-old schoolchildren were assigned to draw their interpretation of "bird" on a long paper scroll. A drawing could reveal how children feel about their environment. Interestingly, the patterns of drawing of each group were relatively consistent. A majority of female schoolchildren from urban school drew imaginative forms of bird, flying freely. They were aggressive but organized, which can be observed through the overflowing and saturated patterns on the canvas. Female schoolchildren from rural school presented a neater work of art. Some of their birds were in captivity, or small and reserved without their wings spreading. While both groups showed different psychological creativity, their similarity in the diversity of colours might reflect the complex mind of female kids. On the contrary, majority of urban, male schoolchildren drew a rather monotonous pattern of small, black birds as compared to the vibrant, flapping birds from their rural mates. A simple deduction would suggest that rural kids are more adventurous and carefree, giving them opportunity to interact more with their environment, which can help to enhance their creative thinking ability. Consideration should be made on the different setting of both sample groups since change in performance and creativity of children can occur in different environments.



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