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“Childhood has its own way of seeing, thinking, and feeling, and nothing is more foolish than to try to substitute ours for theirs.”

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Emile
invention
“the true creator is necessity, who is the mother of our invention”

--The Republic, book II, 369C, (360 B.C.)
“Invention is the mother of necessity.”

--Thorstein Veblen, (1857-1929) sociologist, economist; author: The Theory of the Leisure Class
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Parenting
play
Midwives, Mothers, Bastards: Rhetoric’s quest for legitimacy
“my art of midwifery is in most respects like theirs; but differs, in that I attend men and not women; and look after their souls when they are in labor, and not after their bodies…”

Socrates, in Plato’s *Theaetetus*
Political Parents: George Lakoff and the frames we live by
George Lakoff, sociolinguist
University of California, Berkeley

Author: Metaphors We Live By, The Political Mind, Don’t Think of an Elephant!, Moral Politics
Strict Father
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Parenting Lit 101: Structure
James Dobson, Focus on the Family
Author: Dare to Discipline, Love Must Be Tough, The Strong-Willed Child
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Parenting Lit 102: Attachment
Dr. William Sears, pediatrician and best-selling author: The Baby Book, Attachment Parenting, The Successful Child....
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baby einstein.
Prenatal Parenting

The Welsh Prenatal Parenting Exercise Program

Healthy body, healthy mind...right from the beginning
Play:

- is enjoyable
- has no extrinsic goals
- is spontaneous and voluntary
- involves active engagement
- involves make-believe
History, geography and literature are all make believe.
Play objects
Play = 10% toy, 90% child
Play context
Play, the parent’s role
Alfie Kohn, “progressive education” advocate and author: Punished By Rewards, Beyond Discipline, Unconditional Parenting...
Play is the answer to the question, how does anything new ever come about?

--Jean Piaget
Conclusions