

## Childrens' Rorschachs

Re: [Rorschach\_List] FQ and ChildrenSunday, June 1, 2008 8:40 AM From: "Lauren Formy-Duval, Psy.D." <laformyd@yahoo.com>To: Rorschach\_List@yahoogroups.com

I only test children under the age of 11 right now and do use the Rorschach as part of a general personality assessment. I agree with Pamela that I get a high number of pure form answers and tons of minus or unusual descriptions of things that the kids relate to video games or cartoons. Since so many of the cartoons now have created unique characters, I often have a very hard time knowing if indeed the blot fits the character the child has described. I don't know if the pure form is more that the children are having a hard time putting words to what they are seeing. In a few times I've pushed a little more directly to see if I could get a more specific description based on the blot features, but it doesn't seem to make much of a difference. I still find the test useful, though, and if I feel that the child has a generally good grasp on reality testing based on other assessment measures, I tend to not put too much weight on the minus answers unless they are really odd.

I can't think of typical responses that kids give that are minus for your attempts to modify the coding, as most seem to stem from fantasy characters that someone else has created in the media but varies among the kids. Once I did have a child give me a specific name of a Pokemon character that I later looked up online, and indeed it fit the blot very well. Testing children can be a challenge!

Lauren