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1. This video is the “sister” project to CONSERVATION as they both concentrate on tasks that are hallmarks of the concrete operational stage of Piaget’s theory.
2. Our more recent video on Lev Vygotsky, VYGOTSKY’S DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY: AN INTRODUCTION, starts with a multiple classification task which is used to show how with a bit of help, a child is able to do a task that seemed beyond her. This, of course, is used to introduce Vygotsky’s Zone of Proximal Development concept and might well be used in conjunction with the showing of this video.
3. Serialization is another task that Piaget felt emerged during the Concrete Operations stage. There is a demonstration of that in our CONCRETE OPERATIONS video. Serialization, advanced classification tasks and conservation all have in common “reversibility”. With reversibility one is not swayed by the appearance of things but realizes that one can mentally check perceptions by comparison to an original truth. Review with your students the concept of reversibility.
4. Dealing with hierarchies is an important task for the obtainment of formal reasoning although, of course, it has origins in earlier stages. Discuss with your students real life tasks that involve hierarchies. Outlining and setting priorities come to mind. Encourage them to think of biological classification schemes and even library organization.
5. Have your students think of other tasks to demonstrate these three classification categories.

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