

# Only Child vs. Siblings

## DELIVERY OUTLINE

### INTRODUCTION

- I. How many of you have siblings?
  - A. I am an only child
  - B. Ask parents
  - C. I wanted a sibling for all the wrong reasons
- II. Today I am going to be talking about
  - A. The advantages of having siblings
  - B. The disadvantages of being an only child
  - C. How this affects their future

### BODY

- I. The advantages of having siblings
  - A. The relationships with your sisters and brothers will likely last longer than any others in your lifetime. (Russo, 2013)
  - B. Kids learn to negotiate conflict
  - C. Ultimately, sibling relationship comes down to the parents

*[Now that we've looked at the advantages of having siblings, lets look at the disadvantages of being an only child]*

- II. The disadvantages of being an only child (Winder, 2012)
  - A. An only child may grow up lonely
  - B. He/she might grow up to be selfish
  - C. An only child feels a lot of pressure from parents to be good at things.

*[Knowing the advantages of having siblings, and the disadvantages of being an only child, lets look at how this might affect them in the future.]*

### III. What will happen in the future?

#### A. The future for the sibling

1. The way they interact with their sibling shapes their relationships,

(Russo, 2013)

2. Family is the closest thing anybody has

a. Memories with siblings stay with you forever (Blondie's Blog, 2013)

#### B. The future for the only child

1. As parents become ill

2. I will never get the chance to be an Aunt

## CONCLUSION

I. Knowing all of these things now like...

II. Not like/ always love

III. Ill leave you with a quote by Jeffrey Kluger

1. Your parents leave you too soon and your kids and spouse come along late, but your siblings know you when you are in your most inchoate form.