Chapter 15
Personality

Review 15.1: The Psychoanalytic Perspective
Klaus is 18 years old and, like all adolescents, he is trying to figure out who he is. He wants to know why he thinks, feels, and acts the way he does; that is, he wants to define his (1) personality. Klaus decides to read about the various personality theorists, beginning with Sigmund (2) Freud, who believed that most of the mind is hidden from view and therefore (3) unconscious, and that personality is a product of the (4) conflict between our basic sexual and aggressive impulses, directed by the (5) Id, and social restraint derived from the (6) superego. After reading about this psychoanalytic theory, Klaus decided that his long-standing aggressive behavior toward his younger brother could have been the result of (7) repressing his anger with his parents for being so strict. This would protect him from the (8) anxiety he might feel if he were to express that anger. Perhaps the part of his personality called the (9) ego redirects his anger, and so the hitting of his brother is a (10) defense mechanism called (11) displacement. Klaus also thought that he may have (12) rationalized his behavior by saying that his brother needed the discipline.