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Understanding the Why Behind Bullying: What Drives People to Bully Others?

Short Answer Key

1. Answers may vary but should include one of the reasons mentioned in the passage, such as seeking power and control, low self-esteem, peer pressure, lack of empathy, or coping mechanism.
2. A lack of consequences can contribute to the perpetuation of bullying by not discouraging or deterring bullies from engaging in such behavior. When bullies face no repercussions, they may feel empowered to continue their actions.
3. Empathy plays a role in bullying behavior as individuals who lack empathy may not fully understand or care about the emotional impact of their actions on their victims, making it easier for them to engage in hurtful behavior.
4. Answers may vary, but an example could be, "Peer pressure can influence someone to engage in bullying when their friends or peers encourage them to join in making fun of another student. They might be afraid of being excluded from the group if they don't participate."
5. Understanding the reasons behind bullying behavior is significant because it can help educators, parents, and communities address the root causes and develop more effective strategies to prevent and intervene in bullying situations.

