

Traits of Giftedness

Cognitive	Creative	Affective	Behavioral
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keen power of abstraction ● Interest in problem-solving and applying concepts ● Voracious and early reader ● Large vocabulary ● Intellectual curiosity ● Power of critical thinking, skepticism, self-criticism ● Persistent, goal-directed behavior ● Independence in work and study ● Diversity of interests and abilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Creativeness and inventiveness ● Keen sense of humor ● Ability for fantasy ● Openness to stimuli, wide interests ● Intuitiveness ● Flexibility ● Independence in attitude and social behavior ● Self-acceptance and unconcern for social norms ● Radicalism ● Aesthetic and moral commitment to self-selected work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unusual emotional depth and intensity ● Sensitivity or empathy to the feelings of others ● High expectations of self and others, often leading to feelings of frustration ● Heightened self-awareness, accompanied by feelings of being different ● Easily wounded, need for emotional support ● Need for consistency between abstract values and personal actions ● Advanced levels of moral judgment ● Idealism and sense of justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spontaneity ● Boundless enthusiasm ● Intensely focused on passions - resists changing activities when engrossed in own interests ● Highly energetic - needs little sleep or down time ● Constantly questions ● Insatiable curiosity ● Impulsive, eager and spirited ● Perseverance - strong determination in areas of importance ● High levels of frustration - particularly when having difficulty meeting standards of performance (either imposed by self or others) ● Volatile temper, especially related to perceptions of failure ● Non-stop talking/chattering