

CHARACTERISTICS OF GIFTED CHILDREN

- Reasoning powers; grasps new ideas
 - Generalizes from specific facts
 - Sees subtle relationships
 - Problem-solving ability
 - Insight
- Intellectual curiosity
- Reads avidly, verbal and written fluency
- Learns quickly; retains what is learned
- Wide range of interests; creative ability
 - Imagination expression in music, art, dance, drama...
 - Sensitivity and finesse in rhythm, movement, bodily control
- Independent; non-conforming
 - Questions authority
 - Opinionated
 - Argumentative and critical
- High standards; self-critical
 - Perfectionist
 - Sensitive
 - Intense
 - Opinionated
- Argumentative and critical
- Initiative and originality
 - Flexible thinker; sees perspectives
 - Sense of humor
- Competitive
 - Enjoys a challenge
 - Impatient
- Extremes
 - Quiet and withdrawn
 - Unsettled, rebellious

Sources: ERIC Clearing House on Disabilities and Gifted Education
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