

## 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  - Quiet and withdrawn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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