

## So you're gifted... Now what?

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### Introduction

Just as there are many reactions to the term 'Gifted', there are many types of gifted people. You've been identified "gifted" at school. Sometimes this label comes with a sense of relief and pride that finally people understand the real you. Sometimes, however, the label comes with a sense of guilt and frustration. Now everyone seems to expect perfection and high standards and you feel like you are constantly being measured. Read an amusing poem about being deemed gifted. GIFTED by Judith K. Schulze Golly! I just took a test that says I'm different from the rest. What am I? Well, I must confess... I'm "gifted." The psychologist said right from his heart, "I fear that you are rather smart and from this day you are to start... Being gifted." I think I turned six shades of green and developed pains down to my spleen. I asked, "Whatever does it mean? This word 'gifted'?" He said, "You have a high I.Q. I wish, my child, that I were you! Why I'd give an arm or leg or two to be gifted. My thoughts immediately went adrift and each idea I did sift. At last I said, "Give me my gift. Then I'll be gifted!" He laughed for all that he was worth and nearly doubled up with mirth. "This gift you have you've had since birth. You've BEEN gifted!" I thought and then when he was done I asked, "Am I the only one in this whole school or under the sun who is gifted?" He named the two or three percent of students who to classes went. And then I knew just what this meant, about gifted. It could be the best news I'd heard, but then I thought about a word and screamed, "But, must I be a nerd? I'm gifted?" He laughed again when I was through. "My child, you'll always be just you but smarter than all except a few. 'Cause you're gifted.'" "Will I be perfect?" "Get all A's? Make the Honor Roll? Get lots of praise? Have no homework nights and easy days? Well, I'm gifted!" "No, others may expect such things; just do your best. Be sure it brings true joy to YOU! You'll soar on wings and enjoy being gifted." Giftedness has its pros and cons. It can mean that you do some things more easily than other kids your age. It also can mean that you sometimes understand things better than many adults. It also means that in some areas, you are average or even lower than average. That's normal. People are unique. Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. Gifted kids are sometimes targets for expecting perfection, in school and in their personal lives. It's not possible to be perfect! What makes you unique? What are your strengths? What are your weaknesses? In this Web Quest, you will learn a great deal about what makes you tick. Usually teachers don't encourage students to compare themselves to others, but in this case, comparison with others will help to create a mosaic of unique personal strengths to create a phenomenal group. To get started, click the Task link at the top of this page...

### Tasks

The Task: Learn about yourself and your giftedness through the resources in this Web Quest. Your final product will involve: Writing (pen & paper or computer) Presentation - (Prezi, Glogster, Google Presentation) These are the things you are going to need to do: Reflect on the characteristics of Giftedness (paragraph) Determine your personal learning style by taking some online tests (Don't worry – you won't have to pass these tests!) Choose a personal motto from a list of quotes Prepare a presentation (choice of format) of YOU: your characteristics, strengths and weaknesses. Present your final product to the class. Watch 5 presentations from your grade level. How do you fit in the class mosaic? Here are some sites you can use to create your project: Glogster (The teacher code you will need is 7DBB2B.) Prezi Google Presentations in Google Drive You may use this clipart in projects and websites without asking permission from the website owners. ClipartDK Clipart Cybersleuth Kids Clipart Classroom Clipart Photographs Free Photographs Photos for Educational Use Pics for Learning NYPL Digital Gallery

### Process

The Process: OK. Let's get started. The term "Gifted" is a label. It means that your thinking was measured by approved tests and that you met the required level or criteria in order to be determined gifted. The problem with using labels is that no two people are alike. Sometimes our strengths are not well measured by conventional tests. We've all met people who have superior abilities in things such as skating, painting or dancing, but may have trouble with reading, writing or math. Other people are very smart at school but have trouble making friends, can't sing in tune or catch a ball. \*\*If the test is not a link, you can find it at the bottom of the page in a document. \*\*1. Read through the list of Positive and Negative Characteristics of Gifted Children and do the Reflection activity on that page. 2. Download and print the Scoring Sheet. 3. Take the Myers-Briggs Personality Test and record your results. 4. Take the Learning Styles Test (Are you Visual, Auditory or Kinesthetic/Hands on Learner?) and record the results. 5. Take the Multiple Intelligence Test. 6. Read the collection of quotes that pertain to being gifted. Choose one that you'd like to use as a personal motto. You may also choose to select a number of quotes, instead of just one. 7. Present your results to the class in a creative way using one of the following formats: Prezi Glogster Google Presentations in your Google Drive Learn more of the Process in



handy, especially when it comes to studying. You are going to take what is called a Learning Styles Test. You can print a copy of the test, circle the response which is most like you. Record your "style" on your GENERAL score sheet. Take the Learning Style Test Multiple Intelligence Test &nbsp; The theory of multiple intelligences was developed in 1983 by Dr. Howard Gardner, who says there are eight different intelligences. &nbsp; These intelligences are: Linguistic intelligence &nbsp; ("word smart") Logical-mathematical intelligence &nbsp; ("number/reasoning smart") Spatial intelligence &nbsp; ("picture smart") Bodily-Kinesthetic intelligence &nbsp; ("body smart") Musical intelligence &nbsp; ("music smart") Interpersonal intelligence &nbsp; ("people smart") Intrapersonal intelligence &nbsp; ("self smart") Naturalist intelligence &nbsp; ("nature smart") Take the test and see what category you are in. Fifth: Take the Multiple Intelligence Test for Older Kids &nbsp; Be sure to print your chart or you are going to have to take the test over again. What do the different intelligences look like? Be sure to print the information that explains your intelligence type. Children who are strongly: Think Love Need Linguistic in words reading, writing, telling stories, playing word games, etc. books, tapes, writing tools paper diaries, dialogues, discussion, debate stories Logical-Mathematical by reasoning experimenting, questioning, figuring out puzzles, calculating, etc. things to explore and think about, science materials, manipulatives, trips to the planetarium and science museum Spatial in images and pictures designing, drawing, visualizing, doodling, etc. art, LEGOs, video, movies, slides, imagination games, mazes, puzzles, illustrated books, trips to art museums Bodily-Kinesthetic through somatic sensations dancing, running, jumping, building, touching, gesturing, etc. role play, drama, movement, things to build, sports and physical games, tactile experiences, hands-on learning Musical via rhythms and melodies singing, whistling, humming, tapping feet and hands, listening, etc. sing-along time, trips to concerts, music playing at home and school, musical instruments Interpersonal by bouncing ideas off other people leading, organizing, relating, manipulating, mediating, partying, etc. friends, group games, social gatherings, community events, clubs, mentors/apprenticeships Intrapersonal deeply inside themselves setting goals, meditating, dreaming, being quiet, secret places, time alone, self-paced projects, choices FILL OUT YOUR SCORE SHEET!! You're almost done! &nbsp; Don't forget to read the &nbsp; Conclusion &nbsp; section for other great links.