More about Multiple Intelligences ...

A person who possesses this intelligence usually . . .

Verbal/Linguistic

Has a good memory for names, places, dates or trivia

Enjoys reading books and writing stories

Likes to tell jokes and stories

Spells accurately and easily

Likes word games

Likes to read, write and listen

Has a well-developed vocabulary

is articulate—can "find the right words" when speaking

Logical/Mathematical

Enjoys playing strategy games such as chess

Does well in math

Experiments to test things not easily understood

Has fun with brain-teasers

Classifies and orders data: analyzes, interprets and predicts

Enjoys math and using computers

Is curious about science

Visual/Spatial

Thinks in images and pictures

Daydreams

Can see clear visual images when thinking or reading

Reads maps, charts and diagrams easily

Draws people and things accurately

Likes video games

Enjoys puzzles and mazes



Musical

Prefers to have music on when studying or working

Collects CDs

Is sensitive to a variety of sounds

Knows when musical notes are off-key

Keeps time rhythmically

Enjoys singing

Knows the words to many songs

Plays a musical instrument

Intrapersonal -- Self-Awareness

Has a deep sense of self-confidence

Has awareness of inner feelings, strengths and weaknesses

Motivates self

Likes to be alone to study and create

Reacts strongly, especially regarding controversial topics

Is sometimes different from others in dress and appearance

ls intuitive

Interpersonal -- Awareness of Others

Responds to moods and feelings of others

Serves as a mediator

Enjoys group activities

Organizes

Communicates effectively

Has many friends, is very social

Enjoys being around people

Naturalist

Enjoys spending time in nature

Hears and sees links in nature

Can name types of flowers and trees

Enjoys learning about how animals live

Appreciates the natural environment

Enjoys rocks, plants and animals

Likes to organize and classify items in groups or categories



Bodily/Kinesthetic

Learns through touch and movement
Enjoys sports and physical activity
Displays a keen sense of direction
Full of energy and a proactive learner
Enjoys manipulatives
Likes role-playing and simulation activities
Builds or constructs models

Existential

Has clear rules by which he/she lives daily life
Considers religion/philosophy an important part of life
Has a philosophy of life that helps make decisions/choices
Thinks often about truth, justice and goodness
Spends time frequently in reflection, meditation and/or prayer
Reflects on the nature of the universe and "mysteries of life"
Reflects on the "grand plan" that human beings are part of
Thinks about what is beyond the "here and now" of life
Spends time reading, discussing and/or thinking about philosophy and/or religion
Cares deeply about the "state of the world/universe"

◆ All of us have gifts: oddly, though, many of us have a difficult time identifying them. Ironically, the things we are best at are those which are most difficult for us to see. Most people can quite readily identify their weaknesses. Far fewer of us can say with assurance what our strengths are.

Richard J. Leider and David A. Shapiro, authors Whistle While You Work

Multiple Intelligences and Reflective Activities

Type of Intelligence

Focuses On

Possible Reflective Activities

Verbal-Linguistic

Capacity to use words effectively, to express what is on your mind and to communicate with other people. Journal
Public speech
Poetry
Press release

Logical-Mathematical

Capacity to reason well, the way scientist or logician does; or to manipulate numbers the way a mathematician does.

Analysis of statistics 7 (X)

Field-based research

Timeline of events

Charts or graphs

Visual-Spatial

Ability to represent the spatial world visually in your mind, the way a pilot does in the large spatial world or the way a chess player does in a more circumscribed world.

Photo, slide, or video essay Sculpture Scrapbook Drawing, collage, painting Map of service site

Bodily-Kinesthetic

Expertise in using one's whole body to express ideas and feelings. The most evident examples are people in athletics or the performing arts, particularly dance and acting.

Construction project
Dance performance
Skit or scene from the
project
Theater production

Musical

Capacity to perceive, discriminate, transform and express musical forms.

Songs which focus on the project

Music that reflects theme and feelings

Re-creation of sounds of project

Interpersonal

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Ability to perceive and make distinctions in the moods, intentions, motivations and feelings of others.

Pair or small group sharing Conference presentation Service training for others

Intrapersonal

Ability to understand yourself, to know who you are, what you can do, what you want to do, how you react to things, which things you avoid, and which things you gravitate toward.

Journal
Self-assessment
Progress chart
Learning log
Poetry



Naturalist



Capacity to classify and discriminate among living things (plants, animals), as well as sensitivity to other features of the natural world.

Reflection session outdoors
List of ways your project
improved the planet
Comparison of project to
a part of nature
Classification of project
outcomes, challenges,
etc.

Existential



Ability to ponder the "big questions" and engage others in this quest; a strong sense of caring for/concern about the world in a global sense.

Journal
Philosophical essay, poetry,
artwork or music
Motivational speech or
sermon



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Multiple Intelligences Writing Assignment

After completing the Multiple Intelligences activity, please compose a 5 paragraph essay in which you discuss the following:

1st paragraph – Intro –

- Tell me a little bit about yourself (name, activities, favorite subjects, likes/dislikes, etc). Include anything interesting you think I should know about you.
- What were your three highest flowers (just list them this will be your thesis sentence). Your last sentence should be something like..."My three highest intelligences are verbal, visual and bodily/kinesthetic."

2nd paragraph – Body #1 – Highest Flower

- Explain which flower was the highest for you
- Do you agree or are you surprised with this result? Why?
- Give SPECIFIC EXAMPLES of why you agree or disagree with this flower

3rd paragraph – Body #2 – 2nd Highest Flower

- Explain which flower was the second highest for you
- Do you agree or are you surprised with this result? Why?
- Give SPECIFIC EXAMPLES of why you agree or disagree with this flower

4th paragraph – Body #3 – 3rd Highest Flower

- Explain which flower was the third highest for you
- Do you agree or are you surprised with this result? Why?
- Give SPECIFIC EXAMPLES of why you agree or disagree with this flower

5th paragraph – Conclusion –

- Think about this paragraph in 5 sentences
 - o For the first sentence, write a general statement about how people learn in different ways. You may want to include what your intelligences were
 - o For the second sentence, go back and read your FIRST body paragraph.

 Summarize that paragraph in one or two sentences and write those summary sentences in the conclusion
 - o For the third sentence, go back and read your SECOND body paragraph.

 Summarize that paragraph in one or two sentences and write those summary sentences in the conclusion
 - o For the fourth sentence, go back and read your THIRD body paragraph.

 Summarize that paragraph in one or two sentences and write those summary sentences in the conclusion
 - o For your last sentence, close with a "so what" type statement. What strategies have you learned? Why is this important information for you? How can you use this information in the future?