

AFFECTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GIFTED

- Unusual sensitivity to the expectations and feelings of others.
- Keen sense of humor—may be gentle or hostile.
- Large accumulation of information about emotions that has not been brought to awareness.
- Heightened self-awareness, accompanied by feelings of being different.
- Idealism and sense of justice, which appear at an early age.
- Earlier development of an inner locus of control and satisfaction.
- Unusual emotional depth and intensity.
- High expectations of self and others, often leading to high levels of frustration with self, others, and situations.
- Perfectionism.
- Strong need for consistency between abstract values and personal actions.
- Advanced levels of moral judgement.

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