Gifted students possess some common characteristics.

Some of these behaviors are listed and described below.

Positive traits are included along with those behaviors that may frustrate you as a teacher.

If a student in your classroom exhibits these characteristics on a consistent basis,

there is a good chance he or she is gifted.

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| The Gifted Student | But.... |
| · Asks many questions and is very curious · Possesses a large amount of information · Has a good memory | · Easily gets "off task" and "off topic" · Is impatient when not called on in class |

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| The Gifted Student | But.... |
| · Learns new information quickly · Retains information easily · Masters reading skills earlier  · Demonstrates strong abilities in math · Displays unusual academic achievement · Finishes class work quickly | · Is easily bored · Can become disruptive in class · Shows strong resistance to repetitive activities and memorization · Completes work quickly but sloppily |

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| The Gifted Student | But.... |
| · Is interested in many things · Becomes involved in a variety of activities · Is motivated to try new things · Enjoys a challenge | · May resist working on activities apart from areas of interest · Leaves projects unfinished · Takes on too much and becomes overwhelmed |

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| The Gifted Student | But.... |
| · Thinks independently · Expresses unique and original opinions · Is self-motivated | · Challenges authority · Does not handle criticism well · Does not work well in groups |

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| The Gifted Student | But.... |
| · Uses higher level thinking skills (analysis, synthesis, evaluation) · Makes connections other students don't see · Considers unusual approaches to problem-solving | · Tends to be absent-minded regarding practical details · Forgets homework assignments |

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| The Gifted Student | But.... |
| · Has a strong sense of justice · Likes to debate current issues and real life problems | · Can be very critical of self and others · Likes to argue a point · Is a perfectionist and expects others to be perfect as well |

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| The Gifted Student | But.... |
| · Has a sophisticated sense of humor · Understands subtle humor · Enjoys plays on words and satire | · Easily gets carried away with a joke · Has a tendency to become the "class clown" |

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| The Gifted Student | But.... |
| · Demonstrates strong expressive skills · Is sensitive to feelings of others · Elaborates on ideas · Shows skill in drama/art/music/language | · Sometimes perceived as a "know-it-all" by peers · Is sometimes "bossy" to peers in group situations |