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 |