

Myths & Facts about Gifted Learners

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1. The public is sympathetic to the plight of the gifted.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
2. It is unfair and undemocratic to give special services to the gifted.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
3. The intellectually gifted differ as much from the average as do the mentally retarded.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
4. A high IQ is a good predictor of real world accomplishment.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
5. Gifted students tend to be physically weak and unhealthy.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
6. An individual's IQ score is the same throughout his or her lifetime.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
7. Gifted kids are enthusiastic about school and academic work and make good grades.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
8. Gifted children are smart enough to learn on their own.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
9. The gifted are popular and successful persons.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
10. Gifted children are usually from upper middle class professional families.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
11. All children are gifted.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
12. Gifted students should be encouraged to direct their own learning.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
13. Accelerating gifted learners causes them social and/or emotional harm.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
14. Gifted students should serve as examples to others and always be encouraged to help other students.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
15. Providing cooperative learning experiences is most effective for serving all students.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
16. Gifted students from racial and ethnic minorities and of low socio-economic status are less likely to be identified.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
17. Ability grouping is the same as tracking.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
18. Beginning with puberty, gifted girls are more likely to be underachievers than gifted boys.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
19. Gifted students are self-directed.
_____ Myth _____ Fact
20. Gifted students are naturally creative and rarely need encouragement.
_____ Myth _____ Fact

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