



The Parents' Role in the Development of Their Children's Creativity

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This Presentation is about

1. What creativity is.
2. Who is creative.
3. Why creativity is important.
4. How to nurture creativity in your children.



1. What Creativity is

Creativity

is the
generation
of **novel**,
useful ideas.



Creativity

- can be expressed in anything that people do— mathematics, language, art, sports, business, inventing, cooking, parenting, etc.

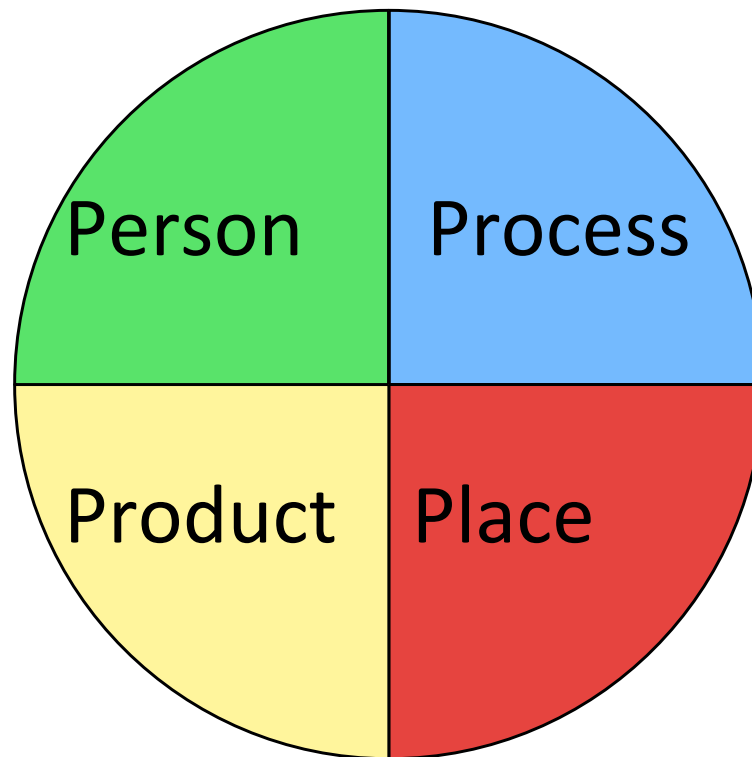



According to Torrance,



“When a person has no learned or practiced solution to a problem, some degree of creativity is required”

People Who Study Creativity Often Look At 4 Ps

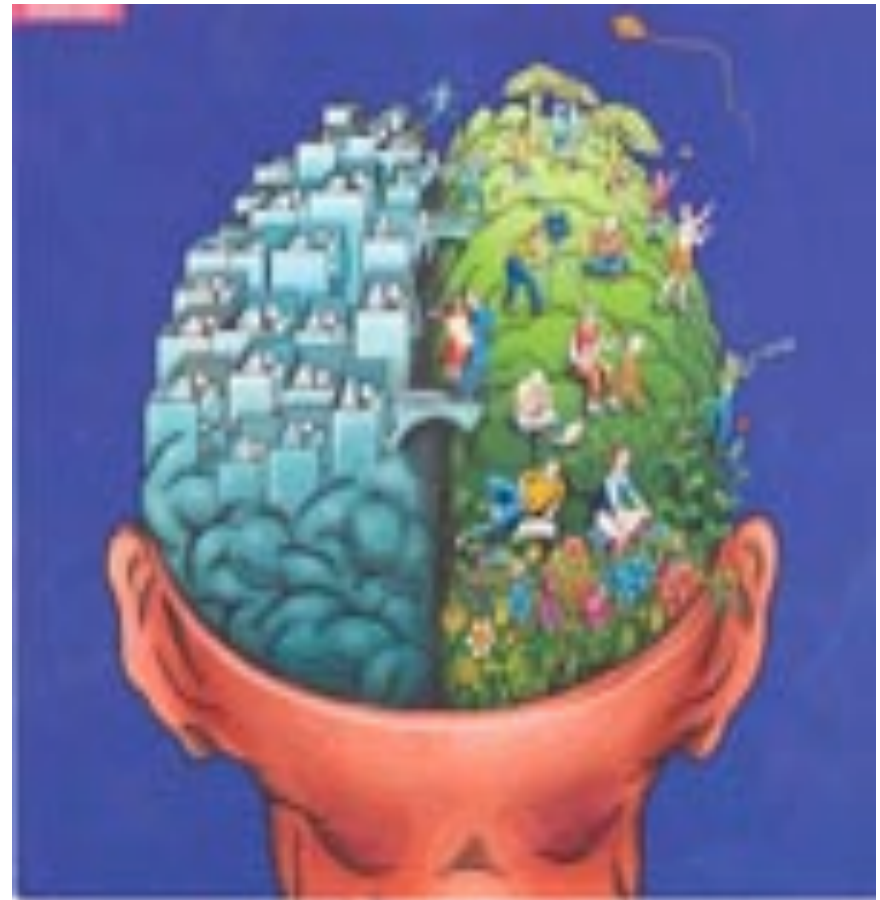




2. Who is creative.

Creativity is Like Intelligence in Several Ways

- Everyone has some
- It can be developed or stifled
- There are levels



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Some simply call them C and c

- C -- works of genius
- c -- everyday creativity



Painting by Renoir



Nutritious meal by busy Parent

Characteristics of Creative Children

Emotional


- Openness
- Curiosity
- Risk taking
- Strong self concept
- Persistence
- Courage

Intellectual

- Problem solving
- Fluency
- Flexibility
- Originality
- Elaboration
- Abstractness of Thought
- Transfer

Physical

- Perfect Pitch or other keen sense
- Eye hand coordination
- Visual memory
- High energy
- Body type
- Looks
- Size



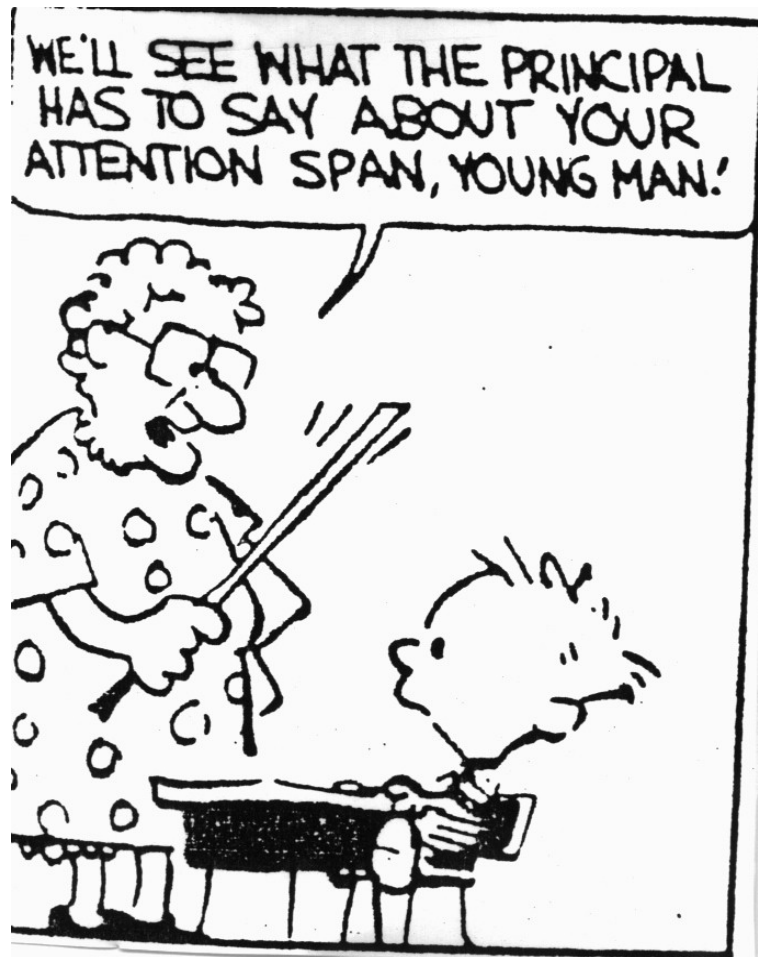
The Characteristics of Creative Children can be seen as positive or negative.

Curious or nosy?

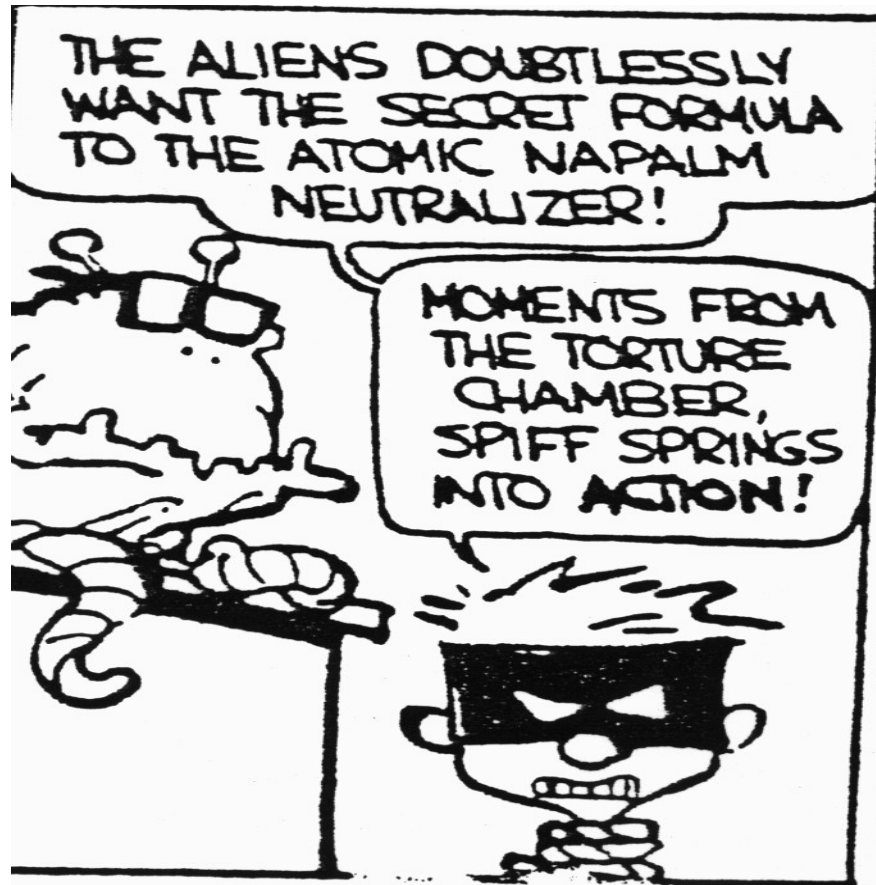
Persistent or stubborn?

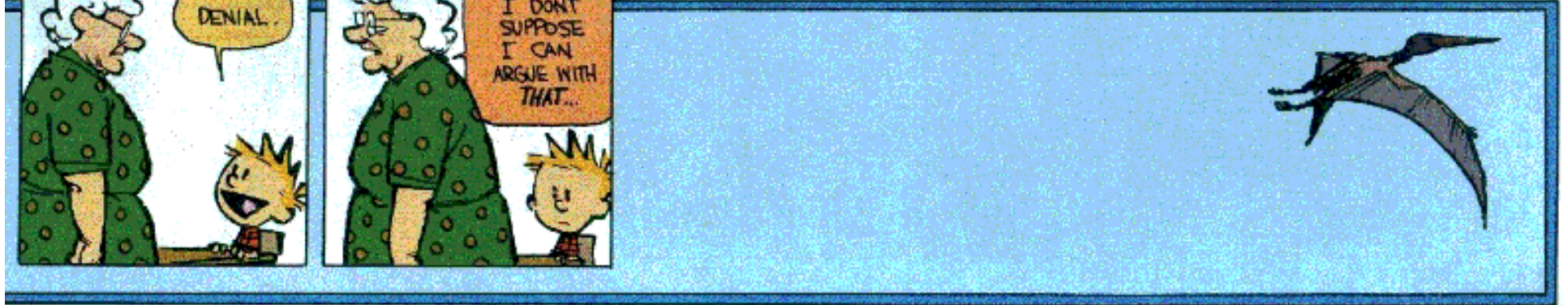
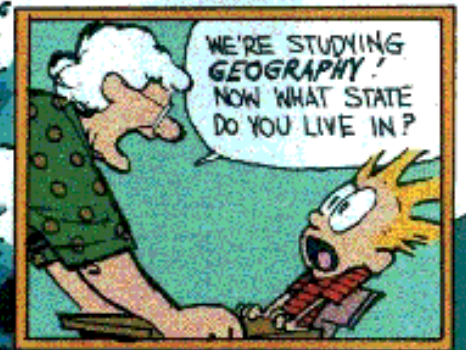
High energy or hyperactive?

Inattentive or...

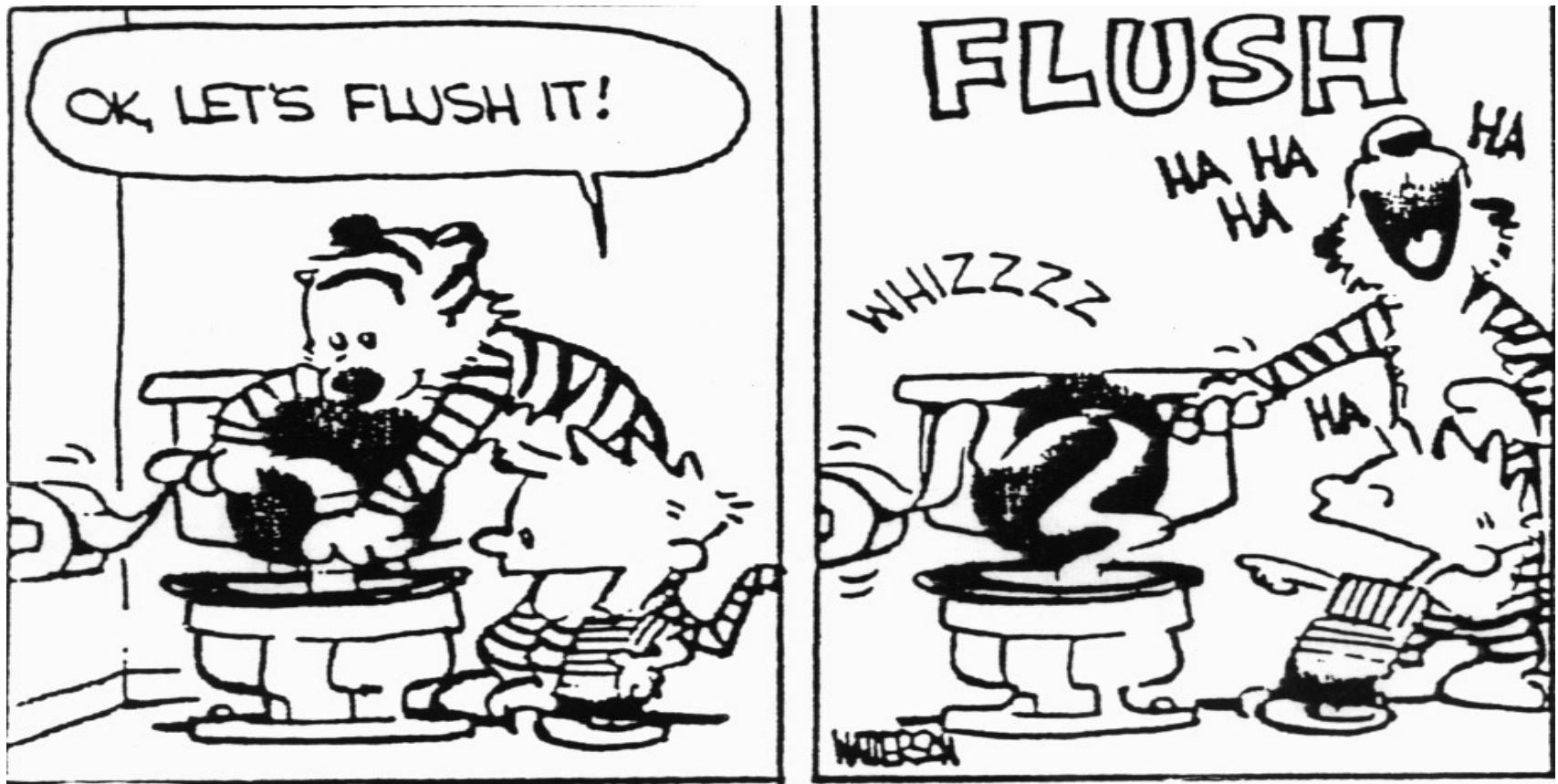


...Imaginative?





Impulsive or...



...Freedom of spirit?



Motor Hyperactivity or...

CALVIN AND HOBBS

RRINNGGG



..High Energy?



IT TAKES ME MORE THAN ONE RECESS TO WEAR MYSELF INTO A STATE OF SUBMISSION.





3. Why creativity is important.

We Should Be Interested in
Developing Creativity for
the Good of the Individual
and the Society



Creative Expression Fosters Mental Health



+ Creative Students Can Become Creative Adults



- Bevin Carnes
- She was “different”
- “In her own world”
- Other kids teased her
- Her parents encouraged her creativity and supported her.
- Won an academy award in student division for animated film
- Did an internship for Disney
- [ABC video](#)
- <http://abcnews.go.com/Video/playerIndex?id=4276368&affil=wsb>

By teaching children to express their emotions creatively, we help them...

- Learn to express themselves in positive ways
- Become more resilient to the stresses of modern life

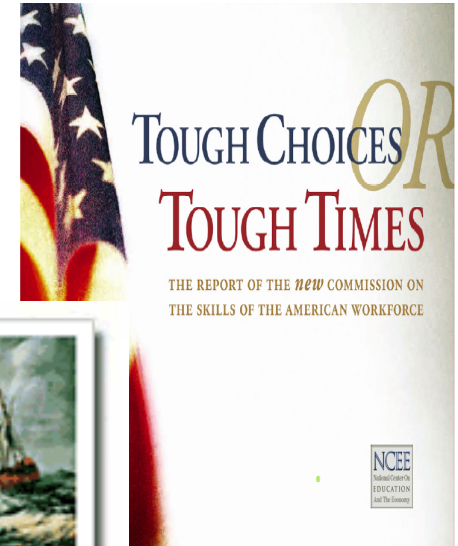
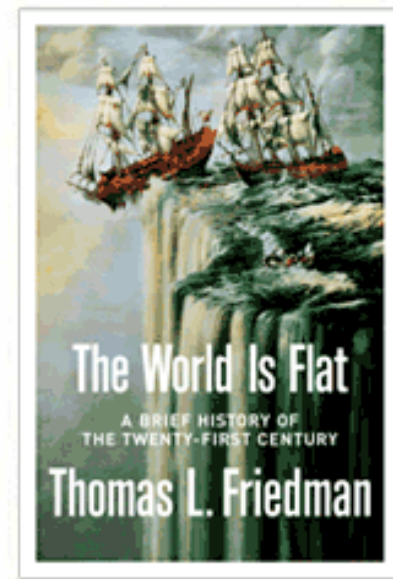


Creativity Engages Children in Their Learning To Keep Them in School



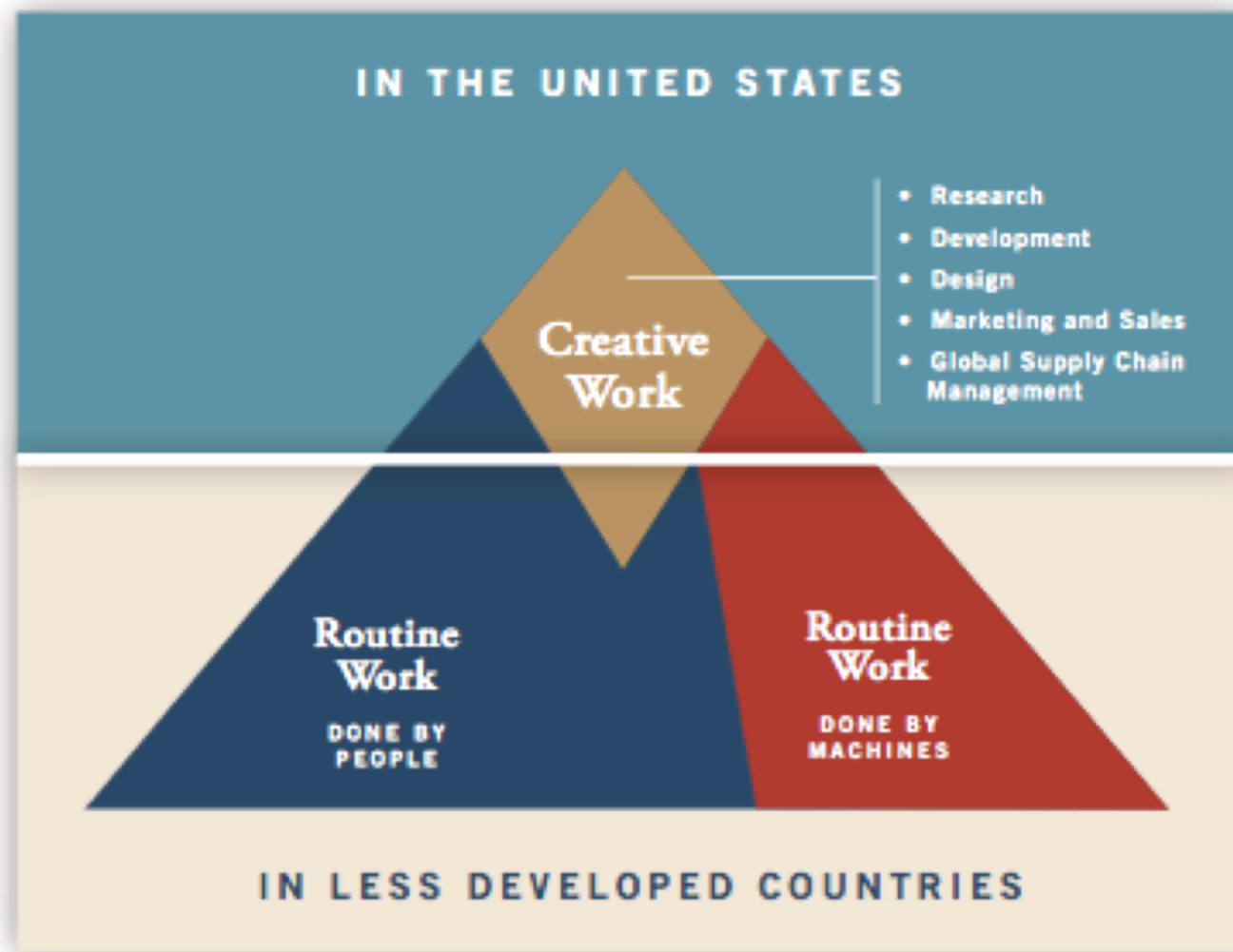
Creativity is Necessary for Our Society

Recent reports warn that all nations must develop their creative thinkers to retain their economic and scientific position in the competitive world

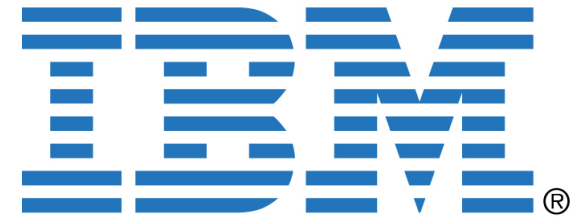


PROTOTYPICAL U.S. INDUSTRY

in 10 years if all goes well



In a Recent Poll
Conducted by



1,500 CEO's identified creativity, defined as the ability to make *innovative* decisions, as the single most important area of "leader competency."



Creativity in All Domains Improves Our Lives



Creativity helps
prepare our
children for their
future...without
knowing what it will
be



Individuals At the Top of Their Fields are Both Intelligent and Creative



- They are imaginative and analytical
- They consume and produce knowledge
- “Imagination is more important than knowledge.”
- [Albert Einstein](#)



4. How to nurture creativity in your children

What Stifles Creativity?

- Fear of failure—
 - Too much emphasis on perfection
 - Too much competition
- Lack of time for imagining and playing—
 - Too much homework
 - Too many structured activities, drill and practice
- Rigid thinking and expectations
 - Only one way to do things
 - Pushing **our** expectations too much instead of finding the child's passion



On Expectations...

It is not our job to form children into what we want them to be; it is our job to find out who they are and help them be the best of it.

How Can We Nurture Creativity?

- Learn about creativity.
- Recognize the characteristics of creative children.
- Value creativity.
- Help children think.

Children Should Know About Their Own Brains

Children's motivation and achievement can improve just through learning about their brains and how they work.



<http://blogs.kqed.org/mindshift/2012/04/what-kids-should-know-about-their-own-brains/>

We need to
teach
students
how to
think, not
what to
think



How Can You Best Advocate for Your Child?

1. Begin by trying to partner with the school to meet the needs of gifted students (don't begin with being adversarial).
2. Recognize that multiple voices have a greater impact (as long as they are not shrill). So, joining or starting a parent group can have long term benefits.

NAGC is a Resource for Advocacy: <http://www.nagc.org>

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 Supporting the needs of high potential learners.

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What Is Gifted?

Gifted individuals are those who demonstrate outstanding levels of aptitude or competence in one or more domains.

[Find out more in our FAQs](#)

Gifted At A Glance	Supporting Parents and Families	Tools for Educators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy Toolkit Legislative Update Legislative Action Network Questions Gifted Education Works About NAGC Supporting Gifted Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where Do I Start? Resource Directory Parenting for High Potential Build Your Library Mile Marker Series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom Resources Teaching for High Potential National G/T Standards NAGC Live Learning Center WOW - Webinars on Wednesdays

Hoagie's Gifted Education Page

<http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/parents.htm>



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The "all things gifted" page

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If there is anything more dangerous to the life of the mind than having no independent commitment to ideas, it is having an excess of commitment to some special and constricting idea. – Richard Hofstadter

<http://www.giftedjourney.com/>



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Gifted Children: The Journey

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Long before gifted children are formally identified, many parents are aware. They quickly discover that their child requires more attention and time.


The journey of the gifted child is an exciting and challenging one. Parents want to learn everything they can to try to help.

They realize that their child is sensitive, emotional, wants to learn and will often teach him or herself. They love books and many learn to read at a young age.

When it's time to start school parents are concerned that their gifted child's needs won't be met.

They wonder if their child will be challenged or left sitting bored. They have a lot of questions and some may be left unanswered.

Giftedjourney is a site designed to help parents better understand what it is like to be gifted and how to best help their child along his or her journey.



“There are two lasting bequests we
can give our children.
One is roots.
The other is wings.”

Hodding Carter, Jr.