

Figure 7.5 Talent Aptitude Learning Progressions for Humanities Aptitudes (Student Version)

Talent Aptitudes	Emerging	Progressing	Advancing
1. Engagement in Humanities Shows active interest in human society and culture, contemporary and historical issues, academic disciplines, languages, or the arts; self-motivated to expand knowledge and experiences in these areas.	I have some interest in humanities topics but I am not always motivated by the activities.	I am interested in humanities and usually motivated to complete the activities.	I am very interested in humanities and self-motivated to complete the activities.
2. Empathy Readily makes personal associations; understands and shares the feelings of others; identifies with human concerns beyond one's own cultural group.	I recognize that other people have feelings and circumstances that are different from my own.	I recognize and make connections to other people's feelings and circumstances, including those who are very different from me.	I understand and identify with other people's feelings and circumstances; I reach out to others who are very different from me.
3. Resourcefulness When presented with a problem, can locate and effectively use a variety of resources to extract relevant information and significant ideas; uses existing materials effectively and in new ways.	I use the resources and materials that are provided and available to solve a problem.	I use, adapt, and obtain new resources and materials to find information and ideas that are effective in problem solving.	I experiment with using existing resources to solve a problem; I search for suitable resources to gain and apply important information and ideas.
4. Verbal Reasoning Demonstrates depth and complexity of comprehension by making inferences and forming interpretations; integrates prior knowledge and monitors comprehension; synthesizes and applies reading in creative problem solving.	I understand what I read and make connections between reading and real life. I select reading materials that are required.	I interpret what I read based on my prior knowledge and apply reading in real life to solve problems. I select reading based on interest.	I compare and contrast things I have read and apply my interpretations to solve problems. I select reading that is interesting and challenging.
5. Communication Expresses ideas fluently and effectively in written, oral, or visual forms; expands and elaborates on ideas in ways that others understand; conveys meaning through symbol and emotion; develops a personal voice or style.	I express my ideas to others using writing, speaking, or art.	I express my ideas and develop them with details so that others understand my meaning.	I develop my ideas with emotion and imagery to engage others with my personal style.