

# **DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS**

## **Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences Theory**

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**Views on Intelligence:** "...the capacity to solve problems or to fashion products that are valued in one or more cultural setting...people have a unique blend of intelligences...multiple intelligences are needed to live life well..."

### **Seven Initial Intelligences:**

**Linguistic intelligence** involves sensitivity to spoken and written language, the ability to learn languages, and the capacity to use language to accomplish certain goals.

**Logical-mathematical intelligence** consists of the capacity to analyze problems logically, carry out mathematical operations, and investigate issues scientifically.

**Musical intelligence** involves skill in the performance, composition, and appreciation of musical patterns.

**Bodily-kinesthetic intelligence** entails the potential of using one's whole body or parts of the body to solve problems.

**Spatial intelligence** involves the potential to recognize and use the patterns of wide space and more confined areas.

**Interpersonal intelligence** is concerned with the capacity to understand the intentions, motivations and desires of other people. It allows people to work effectively with others

**Intrapersonal intelligence** entails the capacity to understand oneself, to appreciate one's feelings, fears and motivations.

**Other theories/studies to consider:** David Kolb's Model of Experiential Learning, Mindy Kornahber and 'Project Zero', Jean Piaget's cognitive development work, Erik Erikson's stages of psychosocial development

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