My **GENIUS** Checkup Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Genius = creating and producing. That’s from the original meaning of the word.

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| **Quality** | **Yes, I Have It!** | **Not quite yet!** |
| **Ambiguity** – I’m OK with a little confusion, knowing there is more than one way to do the job. | I don’t need to ask the teacher a lot of questions. I can think for myself and get the job done. | I have to be told exactly how to do every job. There is only one right way to do this job. |
| **Inquisitiveness** – I ask questions and want answers. | I am curious and look up things that interest me. I’m a lifelong learner. | I don’t ask questions for the joy of learning, and I don’t really want to learn new things. |
| **Generating Ideas (brainstorming)** – I create lots of possible ideas. | I am able to fluently create a list of ideas. I use my imagination. | I cannot see beyond the obvious ideas. I am easily frustrated. I may be lazy. |
| **Originality of Ideas** – I create unique ideas! | I can think outside the box and I have a great imagination. I think of ideas that others never even thought of. | I can only think of ideas that others thought of first. I don’t like new ways of doing things. I just want to stick with the old way. |
| **Flexibility/Adaptability** – Mentally, I can bend easily any which way and not break. | I can think of new ways to do things when I get stuck. I can recognize other people’s good ideas. | I am not willing to change my ideas or think of better ones. |
| **Self-Reflection** -– I can look honestly at myself and evaluate my work. | I can honestly go through my work and know what’s right and wrong. | I lie about my work. I can’t or won’t look honestly at the things I do well and the things that need some work. |

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| **Quality** | **Yes, I Have It!** | **Not quite yet!** |
| **Intrinsic Motivation** – II want to do it. I know the purpose and it pleases me. | I want to try new things. I believe in myself. | Not willing to try new things unless I get something for it. |
| **Risk Taking** – I’m not afraid to try something difficult for fear of failure. As Edison said: “I have not failed…I have succeeded in proving that 1000 ways will not work. | I am not afraid t try anything even if I don’t do well at it. I keep trying and find a new way that might work. | I don’t try new things for fear of failing. I try a couple times and give up altogether. |
| **Expertise** – I am proud and thankful to know a lot about one or more subjects. I am an expert. | I know I am good at one or more things, and I am not afraid to share my knowledge with others. | I don’t try to be expert at anything. I don’t want to be. Or I pretend to not know anything. |

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| **My notes to self:** |