

Explanation of Habits

Habit of Attention

- Fixes mind/body steadily on the matter at hand
- Follows instructions the first time
- Is motivated by a desire to know rather than emulation or approbation
- Participates with interest

Habit of Imagining

- Delights in tales of imagination (heroic adventures, tales from far away lands, fairy tales) rather than the ludicrous
- Expresses self freely through diverse and various mediums
- Exhibits curiosity in learning

Habit of Neatness and Order

- Makes neat and effective arrangements of his property
- Executes work properly and neatly

Habit of Perfect Execution

- Sets himself to let everything he does to be well done, displaying thoroughness and accuracy
- Finishes the task at hand

Habit of Punctuality

- Observes appointed times
- Finishes work in a reasonable amount of time

Habit of Remembering

- Recalls information, facts and knowledge
- Retains knowledge from previous lessons and is able to assimilate the lesson at hand

Habit of Responsibility

- Attends to personal belongings
- Seeks help when appropriate
- Accounts for his behavior in relationships, work and activities

Habit of Temper

- Manifests good tempers (amiability, patience, humor, cheerfulness, and humility) rather than ill tempers (fretfulness, discontentment, sullenness, murmuring, and impatience)
- Displays strengthening of will—bringing himself to do what he ought whether he enjoys it or not

Habit of Thinking

- Traces cause to effect
- Compares things of likeness and difference
- Works independently and confidently
- Participates in dialogue of thought; able to toss the ball of conversation to and fro

Habit of Truthfulness

- Displays carefulness in stating the truth
- Avoids exaggeration and embellishments

Habit of Affirmation

- Looks for ways to encourage and bring out the best in himself and others
- Provides positive input in both interpersonal and intrapersonal settings
- Accepting of weaknesses, failures, and differences in himself and others