

# Nurturing Talent in the Literary Arts

## Characteristics of Talent in the Literary Arts:

- May take longer to write in class
- Advanced vocabulary
- Savors the experience of writing
- Enjoys word play
- Writes fluently with elaboration
- Exhibits advanced ideas, complex concepts, and intricate plots in writing activities
- Tells elaborate stories
- Complex sentence structures
- May not have “correct” grammar or spelling or adherence to traditional English conventions
- Inventive language
- Precocity for foreign languages

## Strategies to Nurture Talent:

- Give the gift of time to pursue writing
- Provide peer group for sharing ideas and writing
- Connect with a mentor
- Provide prompts to stretch ideas
- Provide assignments that present challenges for writing
- Support new and creative ideas
- Celebrate successes
- Provide “safe” opportunities to be unsuccessful and to take intellectual risks
- Expose to new authors, books, genres, writing styles

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