Intellection

People who are especially talented in the Intellection theme are characterized by their intellectual activity. They are introspective and appreciate intellectual discussions.

I am (being) → conceptual, deep, solitary
I will (doing) → see thinking as synonymous with doing
I bring (contribution) → depth of understanding and wisdom
I need (requirement) → time for reflection and meditation
I love (value) → the theoretical because it is the precursor to the practical
I hate (value) → a thoughtless approach to anything
Metaphor/Image → drilling deep, plumbing the depths
Barrier Label → isolated and aloof

Career Development Tips

- Read, read, read! Gather books on careers that interest you, read biographies of people in careers that fascinate you, read all the brochures and books available at the career center. Then go to the online Library and read some more. Through your reading you will come to a better sense of clarity about the career options that fit you best.
- Think about the times in your life when you have felt best about your accomplishments. In your journal, write about what you did that contributed to those accomplishments and how you used your talents in each instance. Later, look for patterns in what you wrote.
- A work environment where you have time and space to think and reflect before responding will bring out your best. A fast-paced environment where there is pressure to sell or to follow routine procedures will not be as comfortable for you as one that allows and rewards thought and reflection.
- Select work in which you can share ideas and pose questions. Avoid environments where you cannot challenge that status quo or where operating procedures are completely rigid.
- Environments in which you can interact with colleagues and have philosophical debates will be most satisfying to you and enable you to be productive.
- Choose work that will challenge you intellectually. Talk to editors, theologians, or philosophy professors on campus. Ask what their work is like.

Theme Contrast

Intellection: An inquiring approach to growth and learning
Input: An acquiring approach to growth and learning
Intellection: Thinks about concepts that need to be understood
Restorative: Thinks about problems that need to be solved

General Academic Life Tips

- Ask questions and seek answers in discussions and lectures.
- Research subjects that interest and intrigue you.
- Contemplate academic goals and endeavors. Plan your future classes using the Graduation Planner and track your process using the Academic Progress Audit System.
- Make your education even more effective by following your intellectual curiosity. As you allow yourself to ask the questions that naturally come to you, you will refine your approach to learning and studying.
- Study Abroad to learn about different cultures.

Extracurricular Activities

- Join clubs that allow you to be part of stimulating conversations. Visit the U of M’s Student Unions & Activities page to explore student groups.
- Read and collect books that pique your curiosity.
- Attend conferences and debates about the subjects in which you are most interested. Look for events campus-wide that might appeal to you.
- Visit your college’s Career Services to explore careers further.