

POTENTIAL 175 TERM PAPER TOPICS

To help you think about a suitable term-paper topic, it may be helpful to look at the following two lists. By matching an item in *List A* (independent variables or causes) with a corresponding item in *List B* (dependent variables or effects), you can obtain some possibilities (e.g., “the effect of gender on scientific creativity”). Of course, not all pairings have been the subject of psychological research. You should search through PsycINFO to make sure appropriate publications are available. Moreover, you are by no means bound by the topics on these two lists - this is a course on creativity after all!

<i>List A</i>	<i>List B</i>
age	aesthetics, artistic
artificial intelligence	aesthetics, literary
birth order	aesthetics, musical
brain (e.g., hemispheric differentiation, frontal lobes)	aesthetics, scientific
chance	creativity, artistic
child-rearing practices	creativity, cinematic
decision making	creativity, dramatic
depression	creativity, inventive
disabilities (physical, learning, dyslexia, etc.)	creativity, literary
domain-specific experience and/or training	creativity, musical
drugs and/or alcohol	creativity, scientific
education (k-12, college, graduate, professional)	genius, artistic
experts or expertise	genius, business
extraversion	genius, chess
gender	genius, coaching
genetics	genius, comic
grade point average	genius, literary
groups	genius, military
home environment	genius, musical
ideology	genius, political
imagination	genius, scientific
insight	giftedness, academic
integrative complexity	giftedness, artistic
intelligence or IQ	giftedness, intellectual
interpersonal relationships	giftedness, literary
intuition	giftedness, musical
logic	giftedness, scientific
manic depression	humor
marginality	leadership, business
mentors	leadership, charismatic
motivation (power, achievement, and/or affiliation)	leadership, military
nature-nurture issue	leadership, political
neuroticism	leadership, presidential
parental loss or other adversity	leadership, religious
personality	leadership, revolutionary
problem solving	prodigies, artistic
productivity	prodigies, chess
psychopathology	prodigies, mathematical
psychosis	prodigies, musical
role models	prodigies, omnibus
schizophrenia	savants, calculating
serendipity	savants, calendrical
socioeconomic status	savants, musical
suicide	talent, artistic
teaching techniques	talent, athletic
training or coaching	talent, chess
zeitgeist, cultural	talent, inventive
zeitgeist, economic	talent, mathematical
zeitgeist, political	talent, musical
zeitgeist, religious	talent, scientific