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**Explanation of Intellectual and Moral Habits**

**Habit of Attention**

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

**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 the tasks at hand

**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 what he ought to do whether he enjoys this or not

**Habit of Thinking**

- Traces effect to cause and 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