Characteristics

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<td>Says “yes” to lots of things</td>
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<td>Unsure of how pieces fit together</td>
<td>Clear sense of purpose, goal-focused</td>
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<td>Avoids stressful or challenging situations; closes doors and opens another</td>
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<td>Shallow involvement</td>
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Further Reading

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Advising Questions/Prompts to Foster a Curator Mindset

- What topics capture your interest and attention?
- What problems do you want to solve?
- How does this fit in with your larger goals?
- Why is this important to you?
- What would you like to accomplish?
- What makes you come alive?
- What do you consider your innate strengths?