   My Multiple Intelligences

One day, I was talking to one of my good friends and he said, “You’re really smart, Morgan. Unlike me.”  And I told him that he was smart, he just didn’t know how yet. That’s exactly what Gardner’s Theory of Multiple Intelligences suggests. The theory states that there are a variety of ways to be intelligent.  Most of the time, people with different qualities have different skills. For example, I am extremely happy to be blessed with the musical-rhythmic, bodily-kinesthetic, and interpersonal intelligences. These help me through everyday life, and I am excited to share them.

One of my strongest intelligences is musical-rhythmic because music has always come naturally to me and I really appreciate the wonderful sound of melodies mixing with harmonies. My dad is a band director at Metamora High School, and my mom always sings, so music has always been apart of my life. Performing, composing, and appreciating music and  musical patterns are all key parts to this intelligence. I use these skills for the activities I’m involved in. I play the trombone, in concert band and jazz band, and I take lessons from one of my dad’s friends. I also play the piano and take lessons from Afrim Shabani in the Music Shoppe. I recently took a Repertoire test and I got honors with distinction, which is the top of my class.  My teacher said that it was very rare for that to happen, so that makes me proud. I also love to sing, so I’m in choir. I’m dance captain for Dynamics, and I sing at church sometimes. Singing has always had a way of helping me through tough times or keeping me in bright spirits. I sing all the time, and sometimes I’m told that it can get annoying, but I don’t care at all.

My next intelligence is bodily-kinesthetic because I’m involved in so many different activities in which I use my athleticism to participate in. Bodily-kinesthetic individuals excel in controlling their body and usually learns better by doing something themselves.  I do so many sports over the course of the year that my parents worry that I’m overly stressed, but I know how to keep my head and I enjoy all the things I do while still staying healthy. I engage in basketball, volleyball, swim team, track, and softball. I only started softball for the first time this year, and I loved it, even though we were 100% defeated.  I had a rough time at the beginning of the season, but mid-way through, I was starting every game, and coach was calling me a stud at third. I also started track in 7th grade and I now throw shot put, do long jump, and sprint. I physically can’t run for a long distance. But, I’ve been told that I’m like the Flash when I sprint, and I really do enjoy it. I have “hops,” so I can jump pretty far into the pit of sand.  I am also naturally strong, so I do pretty when I throw shot. I’ve done volleyball, basketball, and a swim team for most of my life, and I wouldn’t choose otherwise.

My last intelligence is interpersonal intelligence because I am exceptional at reading how people are feeling. I always try my best to help with life and emotions.  Interpersonal intelligent people are skillful at understanding and dealing with others.They are able to discern moods, feelings, and motivations. I am a very social person, and I have many friends. I like to think that I am a good person and that people are comfortable around me.  I have had multiple people have told me that I am caring, kind, outgoing, and have a great personality. I went on a mission trip to Kenya two years ago for Can Do kids, a PreK-5th grade youth group, because I felt like God was calling me to go spread His word and share His compassion through me to others.  I was overwhelmed by how even though all those people had so little, they were still the happiest people I’d ever met. That trip changed me in a lot of ways, and now I try my hardest to be a light to others.

So in conclusion, I believe that Gardner’s Theory of Multiple Intelligences is the way to go when finding out how you’re intelligent.  No one is going to be the same. Like I said before, I am an athletic, musically, and socially intelligent person. But you could be the exact opposite.  Albert Einstein once said, “Everybody is a genius.” Because after all, there are various ways to be **“smart.”**