

A Humorous Look at Characteristics of Junior High Schoolers

Sixth Graders

- Know everything
- Learn like sponges
- Brain growth is great—can gain 1–2 years
- Will tell everybody everything
- Are never wrong
- Values match parents'
- Like little moms and dads
- Have a take charge attitude
- Responsible and capable
- Disintegration starts in some 1st semester, most by 7th grade
- Self esteem high and feel like they can handle most anything
- A most enthusiastic bunch!

Seventh Graders

- Disintegration full tilt
- The mind is the first to go
- Forget everything
- Live in the "now!"
- "I don't know; I forgot."
- Brain growth plateau
- Pick up habits from babyhood
- Worried about all this disintegration, too
- Tears —day, night, happy, sad...
- Sleep is not easy
- Feel afraid and out of control
- Irritable
- Hormones out of sync

Eighth Graders

- Like a rebirth
- Amnesia victims
- Interested in how they look — need quick checks for self-esteem boost
- Self-involved
- Feel whole world is watching
- Concerned with body
- Won't talk to parents and DON'T want to be seen with them
- Feel powerless so try to manipulate one and all to gain power