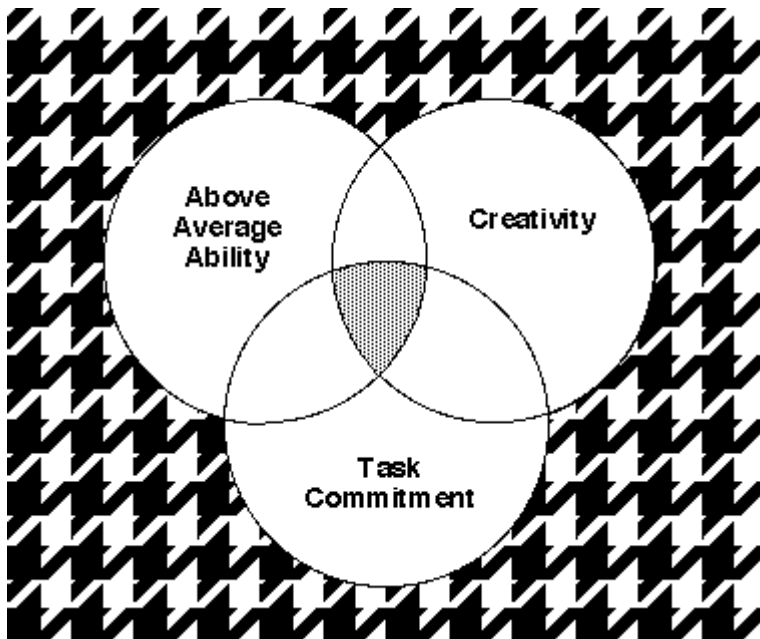


## Appendix 8

### Renzulli's Three Ring Model of Giftedness

Renzulli thinks gifted behavior occurs in certain people at certain times under certain circumstances.

Renzulli identifies three factors that are important for the development of gifted behavior: Above average ability, Creativity and Task commitment.



[http://www.gigers.com/matthias/gifted/three\\_rings.html](http://www.gigers.com/matthias/gifted/three_rings.html)

Within Above average abilities, Renzulli makes a distinction between general abilities and specific abilities. General abilities include processing information, integrating experiences and abstract thinking. Specific abilities include capacity to acquire knowledge or perform in an activity.

By Creativity Renzulli means fluency, flexibility, originality of thought, openness to experience, sensitivity to stimulations and willingness to take risks.

Task commitment means perseverance, endurance, hard work, self-confidence, perceptiveness and a special fascination for a subject. Renzulli argues that without task commitment, high achievement is not possible.

Renzulli thinks that if characteristics from all three rings work together, high achievement or gifted behaviour can be witnessed.