

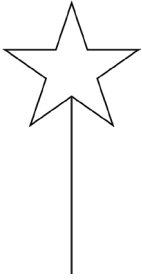
**BEYOND “FULL POTENTIAL”:  
RECONSIDERING WHAT  
SUCCESS MEANS FOR  
GIFTED CHILDREN**

Webinar Facilitator’s Guide



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# *Magic Wand Exercise:*



If you had a magic wand, what future would you create for your child?

1. **Removing Potential from our vocabularies**  
**How do you define success?**

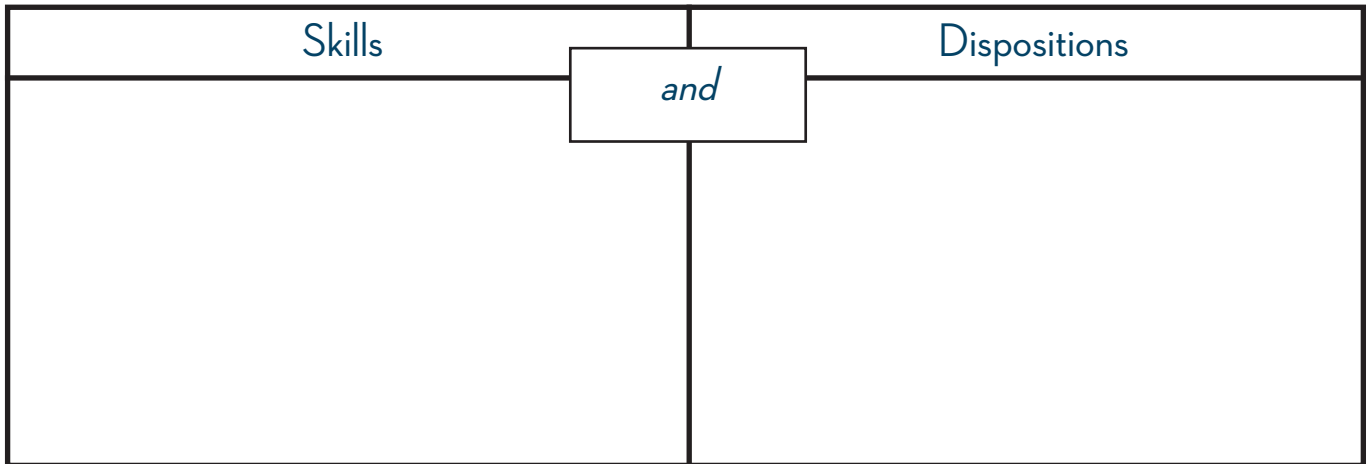
What does it mean for a child to reach their “full potential”?

Originals: How Non-Conformists Move the World by Adam Grant

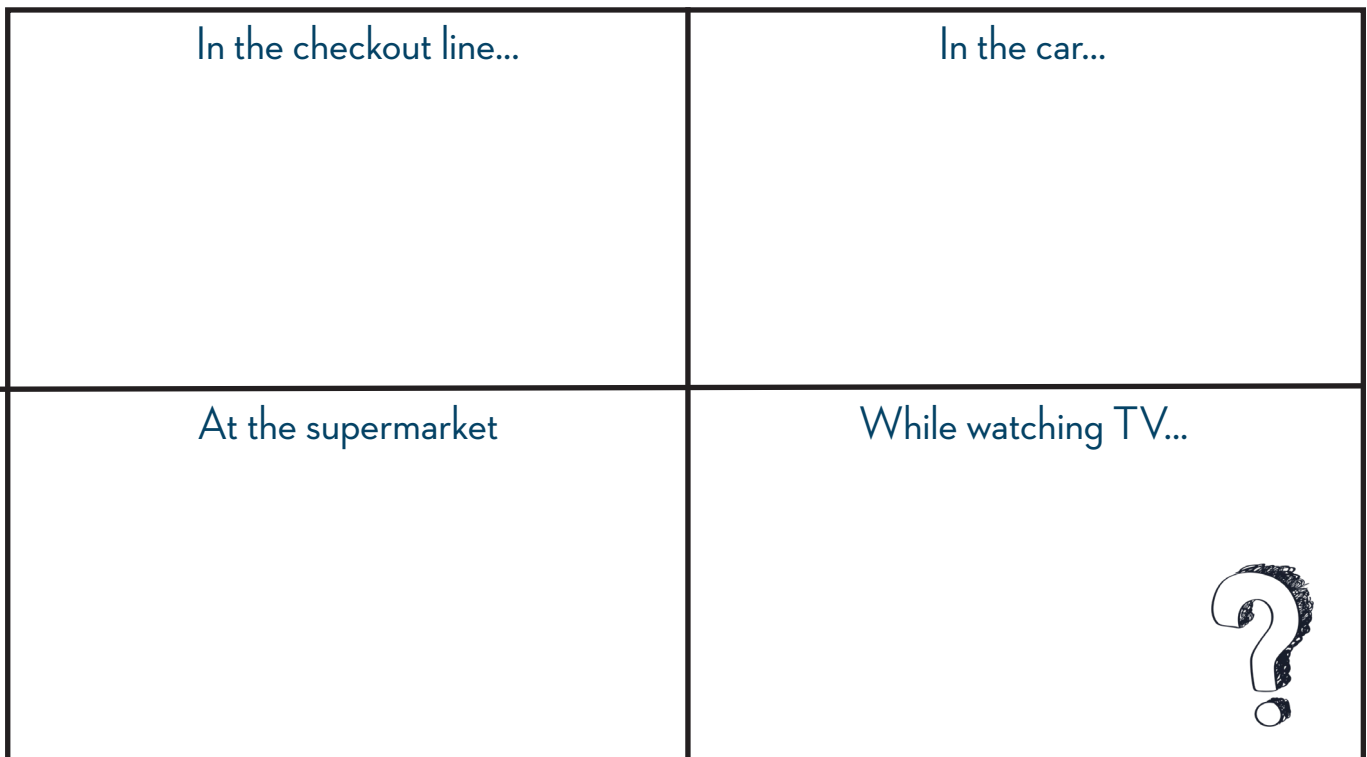
2. **The Myth of Meritocracy**  
**What is meritocracy?**

What additional interpersonal skills are necessary?

What is critical thinking?



Asking good questions



What's the difference between doing right and being right?

Analysis from Multiple Perspectives. How can you try it?

Instead of "It's not what you know, it's who you know" ...

### 3. Leveraging Differences as Strengths

What unique opportunities do your children have as learning experiences?

How can you leverage these experiences?

What are your take-aways?

# About Colin Seale

Colin Seale was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, where struggles in his upbringing gave birth to his passion for educational equity. Tracked early into gifted and talented programs, Colin was afforded opportunities his neighborhood peers were not. Using lessons from his experience as a math teacher, later an attorney and now a keynote speaker, contributor to Forbes, The 74, and Education Post and author of *Thinking Like a Lawyer: A Framework for Teaching Critical Thinking to All Students* (Prufrock Press, 2020), Colin founded thinkLaw, a multi-award-winning organization to help educators leverage inquiry-based instructional strategies to close the critical thinking gap and ensure they teach and REACH all students, regardless of race, zip code or what side of the poverty line they are born into. When he's not serving as the world's most fervent critical thinking advocate, Colin proudly serves as the world's greatest entertainer to his two young children and a loving husband to his wife Carrie.



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