# **Attributes of Different Colors**

# **Orange Attributes**

- Playful, energetic
- Charming
- Risk-taker
- "Just do it"
- Tests limits
- Quick-witted
- Master negotiator
- Creative, inventive
- "Let's make a deal"

- Natural entertainer
- Non-conformist
- Likes tangible rewards
- Impulsive, spontaneous
- Visual, kinesthetic
- Thrives on competition
- Appreciates immediate feedback
- High need for mobility

### **Green Attributes**

- "should be able to"
- "Why?"
- Intellectual, philosophical
- Very complex
- Perfectionists
- Standard setters
- Visionaries, futurists
- Can never know enough
- Calm, cool, collected

- Often not in the mainstream
- Abstract, conceptual, global
- Need for independence
- Explores all facets before making a decision
- Approaches interpersonal relationships in a logical manner
- Work is play—play is work

## **Gold Attributes**

- "Be prepared"
- Loves to plan
- Detail- / service-oriented
- Values family traditions
- Helpful, trustworthy
- Conservative, stable
- "shoulds" and "should nots"

- Strives for sense of security
- Punctual, predictable
- Duty, loyalty, responsibility
- Analytical
- There is a right way to do everything
- Policies, procedures, rules

## **Blue Attributes**

- Cooperative, not competitive
- Mediators
- Optimistic
- Caretakers
- Passionate
- Peacemakers
- True romantic
- Cause-oriented

- Need to feel "special"
- Always has a kind word
- Enjoys symbols of romance
- Strong spirituality
- Sensitive to other's needs
- Peace, harmony, relationship
- Motivate, encourage others

# **Reframing**

# Orange may see self as...

## Others may see Orange as...

Fun-loving, enjoys life

Spontaneous

Flexible, adaptable

Proficient, capable

Hands-on person

Problem-solver

Good negotiator

Multi-tasking

Eclectic

Strong ability to discriminate among options

Irresponsible

Flaky

Wishy-washy

Spends time at things they enjoy

Not interested in ideas

Disobeys rules

Manipulative

Not able to stay on task

Scattered, cluttered

Indecisive

# Green may see self as...

# Others may see Green as...

Superior intellect

98% right

Tough-minded, efficient

Creative, visionary

Original, unique

Eminently reasonable

Calm, not emotional

Under control

Seeking justice

Intellectual snob

Arrogant

Heartless, doesn't care about people

Unrealistic

Eccentric, weird

**Emotionally controlled** 

Cool, aloof, unfeeling

Afraid to open up

Lacking mercy

# Gold may see self as...

# Others may see Gold as...

Stable

**Providing security** 

Dependable

Firm

Always have a view

Executive type

Realistic

Orderly, neat

Punctual, expects the same

Goal-oriented

Rigid

Controlling

Dull, boring

Stubborn, pig-headed

Opinionated

Bossy

Unimaginative

Uptight

Rigid idea of time

Ends justify the means

# Blue may see self as...

Warm, caring

Spiritual

Romantic

Idealistic

People person

Expressive, expansive

Great communicator

Able to see need for exceptions

Likes to please people

Social interaction expert

# Others may see Blue as...

Over-emotional, "bleeding heart"

Other-worldly

Mushy

Hopelessly naïve, easily duped

Too tender-hearted

Smothering

Talks too much

Ignores policy, creates chaos

Groveling, fawning

Slick, manipulative

# **Identifying the Person At Risk**

In Esteem At Risk

## Orange

Acts boldly, is direct Rudeness, Defiance Risk-taking behavior Breaking the rules

Acts impulsively, spontaneously Running away, dropping out

Seeks adventure without drugs

Assertive, to the point

Substance abuse

Lying, cheating

Extremely physical Violence

#### Green

Questioning, exploring ideas Indecisiveness

Considers others' ideas Refusal to comply or cooperate Works independently Extreme aloofness, withdrawal Low social interactions Snobbish, put-down remarks

Thrives on work, ingeniousness Refusal to communicate

Strives for improvement of competency Perfectionism, performance anxiety
Has high expectations Highly critical of self and others

#### Gold

Task/ structure-focused Complaining, self-pity

Serious attitude Anxiety, worry
Likes to be helpful Depression, fatigue
Cares for body, health Psychosomatic problems

Direct but cautious Malicious judgments about self and others

Cooperative, obedient to rules "Herd mentality"

#### Blue

Abundantly gives appreciation Attention-getting misbehavior

Values honesty, integrity Lying to save face

Likes team work, easily communicates Withdrawal

Create things to improve life Fantasy, day-dreaming, trancing out

Contagiously enthusiastic Crying, depression Cooperative, encourages others Passive resistance Strives for harmony, is calm Yelling, screaming

# **Esteem the (Color)Person By...**

### Orange

- ✓ Opportunities for self-expression
- ✓ Being their audience
- ✓ Opportunities for quick action
- ✓ Opportunities to defy risk
- ✓ Giving them frequent change
- ✓ Being their cheering section
- ✓ Chance to experience things
- ✓ Opportunities to challenge their imagination

#### Green

- ✓ Help them choose tasks that are difficult, challenging
- ✓ Provide feedback on the quality of their work
- ✓ Opportunities to increase knowledge, build competence
- ✓ Recognizing their successes
- ✓ Opportunities to display competence
- ✓ Giving patient answers to many questions from a curious mind
- ✓ Opportunities to build logical processes
- ✓ Giving them a chance to seek options to situations

#### Gold

- ✓ Providing in all life situations
- ✓ Providing clear & specific feedback on behavior
- ✓ Setting definitive rules
- ✓ Honoring evidence of success with concrete rewards
- ✓ Opportunities to demonstrate responsible conduct
- ✓ Opportunities to be of service to others
- ✓ Opportunities to demonstrate leadership qualities
- ✓ Accepting them as an important part of the group

#### Blue

- ✓ Accepting them for who they are
- ✓ Reassuring them of their self-worth
- ✓ Providing personal recognition for accomplishments
- ✓ Opportunities to demonstrate creativity
- ✓ Opportunities to please those in authority
- ✓ Creating a harmonious working environment
- ✓ Providing cohesion in their learning, home, and work environments
- ✓ Opportunities to motivate and add enthusiasm to group situations

### **Orange**

Esteemed by... Recognition
Appreciated for... Creativity
Validated by... Visible Results

At Work They Are... Flexible
Their Specialty is... Energy
Overall Mood... Enthusiastic
Key Character Trait... Skillfulness

#### Green

Esteemed by... Insights
Appreciated for... Their Ideas

Validated by... Affirming Their Wisdom

At Work They Are... Pragmatic Their Specialty is... Strategy

Overall Mood... Calm, Cool, Collected

Key Character Trait... Ingenuity

#### Gold

Esteemed by... Being of Service

Appreciated for... Accuracy & Thoroughness Validated by... Appreciation of Service

At Work They Are... Procedural
Their Specialty is... Results
Overall Mood... Concerned
Key Character Trait... Responsibility

#### Blue

Esteemed by... Helping People

Appreciated for... Unique Contributions Validated by... Personal Acceptance

At Work They Are... A Catalyst
Their Specialty is... Relationships
Overall Mood... Committed
Key Character Trait... Authenticity

# **Student Learning Expectations**

### **Orange**

- ✓ Direct application of Knowledge
- ✓ Competitive instruction
- ✓ Opportunities to discover by doing
- ✓ Recognition for immediate application
- ✓ Physical, fun activities
- ✓ Variety of instructional strategies
- ✓ Content-applied learning

#### Green

- ✓ Theory investigation
- ✓ Independent instruction
- ✓ Opportunities to explore new knowledge
- ✓ Recognition for competence
- ✓ Immediate challenge
- ✓ Beyond text instruction
- ✓ Conceptual learning

#### Gold

- ✓ Structure with clearly defined goals
- ✓ Traditional instruction
- ✓ Opportunities to share responsibility
- ✓ Recognition for being on-task
- ✓ Foundation of subject established first
- ✓ Routine, rules, directed instruction
- ✓ Specific content learning

#### Blue

- ✓ Open, interactive atmosphere
- ✓ Group/ cooperative learning environment
- ✓ Opportunities for self-esteem/ reassurance
- ✓ Recognition for being an individual
- ✓ Imaginative/ creative "sharing" activities
- ✓ Open-communication approach to instruction
- ✓ Conceptual & content learning

# **Succeeding with Other Colors**

# Orange...

#### Friends

- Be active, don't slow them down
- Be spontaneous
- Compete in fun
- Be adventuresome
- Be optimistic
- Be Energetic & ready to go

#### **Teachers**

- Be open, ready to wing it
- Like students to solve problems & move quickly
- Hands-on activities
- Work on your own
- actively involved in the class

### Parents/ Adults

- Direct, right-tothe-point approach
- Respect their lack of structure
- Get involved in activities with them
- Compliment their generosity & sense of humor

### Green...

#### Friends

- Aware of curiosity about life
- Give things that challenge their problem solving abilities
- Need for independence
- caring, even though may not show feelings
- Respect their ideas

#### **Teachers**

- Be open to new ideas/ concepts
- Like to say it once: pay attention!
- Go into subjects very deeply
- Be curious, ask questions
- Be original in your assignments
- Be observant

### Parents/ Adults

- Respect their preoccupation with ideas/ logic
- they care but don't express feelings freely
- Respect their wisdom
- Think ahead
- Help with day-today details

### Gold...

#### Friends

- Be on time
- Try to be extra organized
- They are generous but like things returned
- Do what you say you will do
- Be dependable & loyal

#### **Teachers**

- Respect their need for rules
- Pay attention to details
- Be on time
- Be neat & orderly
- Follow directions carefully
- Respect their position as a teacher

## Parents/ Adults

- Be clean & neat
- Be truthful
- Plan ahead
- Think ahead
- Don't beat around the bush, be upfront
- Respect their need for tradition & stability
- Be dependable & loyal

### Blue...

#### Friends

- Spend quality time one-on-one
- They wera their hearts on their sleeves
- Listen to them as they listen to you
- Be supportive
- Share thoughts & feelings

#### Teachers

- Respect their concern for feelings
- Share your ideas & feelings
- You can be dramatic, expressive
- Get along with others in class
- Offer positive feedback
- Appreciate their warmth/ caring

#### Parents/ Adults

- Respect their need to know about you
- Take a creative approach to problem solving
- Be truthful & sincere
- Think ahead
- Cooperate with other family members
- Be thoughtful
- Be helpful, open, & communicative