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Summary of A Synthesizing Mind

Introduction -		Fame at Hotel Hotel 1984
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Chapter 1	5	From Germany to Scranton, 1943 death of a brother "they had lost everything" 3 months pregnant of Gardner and lived
	7	No bicycle until 20's Live in mind
	12	Gardner spatial weak, color blind (but compensatory mechanism in art)
	15	Yang Ethical experience – Rabbi and Ms. Dyer
	16	Self-portray in MI
Chapter 2	19 - 21	Gardner tested in 1956 (a few hundred dollars) Gardner test taken
	24	Iconoclasm on formal reading / strong super ego R: he's reflective
	27	High school is transformative Gardner was seen as outsized role
	28	Reporter / Operator Senior seminar on American history; read Hofstadter (synthesis)
	30	Fred Gardner – 18 th century art (England) A psychology text book Mark Harris (Sel-directed)
	33	Turned to Harvard R: Gardner connecting Peter Frost showed some clues of his concern.
	38	R: Gardner was "pushed" to go deep and further (Stan Katz) (A Harvard Ouput) R: But how about learning the Trade ? How do we do history? Why? Who? Bias? Problems?
	42	Edmund Wilson (1895 -) Journalist "inspired to become a writer who could cover many topics."

- 44 Speaking course
- 45 R: again Gardner's path – self-propelled, don't bother with historiography
- 46 Course on social relations – Marx, Weber, Durkheim
- 48 R: social relation as inter-disciplinary in Harvard propel Gardner, on human condition / Human Nature
- 52 Directed:
 Traditional → inner → other → app
 18th century 19th century 20th century 21st century
- 52 - 53 David Reisman & E Erikson (2 years, p.56) in Harvard
- 55 Law / medicine declined after studying social relation' – want to be researcher / professor
- 57 Go to (LSE, return a year later, → apply clinical psychology, but changed.
- 58 Get to Bruner, become RA
- 58 R: Gardner's psychology ≠ foundational
 = Erickson
- 59 Get to prepare courses for children
 "Man: A course of study"
 Summer 1965
- 61 Summary 1965 (wife Judith Krieger)
- 64/5 Milgram incident – lesson – attacked
- 67 Mentorship
- 68 Resisting professionalization
- 76 The thought of combining science and art
 (cognitive thinking) (artistic development)
- 79 Paper rejected
- 80 - 81 1st book – Arts and human development
- 81 Ghost writer or "social psychology as social science – Man and Men"
- 82 Gardner's contrasts his writing vs his colleagues in psychology lab
 (R: He's an iconoclast)
- 83 Teach in K – 12
 Teach social relation in Harvard
- 86 Writing to Piaget / Levi-Straus

- 88 How he writes
- 91 - 106 Chapter on Geschwind
- 92 3 postdoc fellowship after 1970
- 95 Project Zero / Geschwind
- 95 - 96 Apply professorship at Yale
- 96 Reflection – Gardner is rebellious
- 103 Reflection on competitive advantage
- 104 Columnist in *Psychology Today*, writing to *New York Times*
- 104 Textbook writer
- 105 - 106 The symbol system group and earning a living
- 109 - 110 Project on human potential (1979)
- 111 - 112 Symbol-using capacities research
- 114 Van Leer Foundation affords his travel
- 117 - 119 Criteria on human capacities + chart
- 123 Function: Tramp’s IQ vs Gardner MI
- 126 Family / divorce / remarried 1982
- 126 How he got award (\$200,000) in 1981, finance and became professor in 5 years
- 129 1970 – 1984 living and life
- 131 BBC series rejected
- 132 - 133 Scholar critique (IQ edifice) & “new phrenology”
- 133 (1) MI theory is not imperial
- 134 (2) What counts in life is IQ
- 136 (3) MI, but not Gardner’s
- 142 - 149 Key school
- 148 Tom Hoerr’s MI newsletter from 27 years.
- 150 - 152 Project Spectrum (MT Test)
- 153 Other MI measures
- 155 Good collaboration project

- 159 - 161 1993: MI used in Australian as ethnic separation
1995: Paper on MI: Myths and Realities
Termed "MI guru"
- 161 -1 62 Intelligence (brain / inborn capacities) vs a discipline (set of practices in culture)
R: So MI is nature!
- 163 Termed "MI guru"
- 164 MI ≠ learning styles
- 165 MI = Rorschach Test
Quoting M. Mead, "education... a new plaything....
Every 10 or 15 years."
- 166 FAQs!
- 167 Reject MI talk
- 168 94 - 95 sabbatical – natural intelligence
Other ideas – pedagogical intelligence
– Existential intelligence
- 169 MI Shop
- 170 - 172 MI + EQ
sign Goleman's book and relationship
- 173 Measures of EQ
- 173 Good quotes
Change psychologists' view on intelligence =
Trying to move gravestones in graveyard: it is impossible to change
psychologists' mind. It is not likely "to earn a place in ... textbooks"
"MI & EQ changing the conservation"
- 177 Sabbatical in California met
Met William Damon / Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi
(moral development) (flow / beeper report)
Youth charter flow
- 180 "humane creativity"
- 182 Collaboration for 1 decade
"highlights of my professional life"
- 186 Good work project
- 187 - 190 His education writings
- 194 His role in HGSE