Eric Cartman Intelligence Scale:



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Media: South Park

Background: Eric Theodore Cartman is an 8-10 year old boy in South Park, Colorado and a longtime companion/rival to the rest of the kids in his crew, Stan Marsh, Kenny McCormick and ESPECIALLY Kyle Broflovski. He's universally disliked in the town by nearly everyone, as he's a fat, bigoted, racist, sexist, manipulative bully who gets actively spoiled by his whore, uncoordinated mother, and is willing to get past EVERY single potential limit when it comes to dignity or integrity in order to get what he wants.

Now to address the main point about Cartman, he's INCREDIBLY inconsistent in terms of intelligence. He'll concoct and ingenious plan only to fall on his face due to the lack of common sense, although there are two pretty good justifications for it:

A) …He's a toddler.
B) He's a massive egomaniac, and as you'll see, most of his failures can be derived either from laziness, arrogance, or simply put, rack a disciprine.

With that said, in this doc, I'll show what I believe to be Cartman's best intelligence feats with the episode which the feat came from, only to then highlight why said feat is notable.

- **Multilingual**

  In spite of him having poor understanding of English to the point where he can hardly spell some simple words *(Hooked on Monkey Fonics - Season 3 Episode 12)*
  He actually showed the ability to speak German, for instance. This one's the most obvious, as he's seen referencing Hitler pretty often, but the most outward showing of him actually knowing German is when he's selling Kyle to Germans as a compensation. *(Funnybot - Season 15 Episode 2)*
  He also spoke Japanese fluently once *(Chinpokomon - Season 3 Episode 11)* however take this one with a grain of salt as the plot was that children were getting brainwashed by the Japanese media, so basically all kids spoke it.
  There are also instances where he speaks Mandarin, French and Spanish, however they're usually either very short sentences or complete gibberish despite the fact that he can still "communicate" somehow. So once again, unreliable. It's safest to say he's bilingual.
  Full Scale IQ, **Overall knowledge**, **Memory**, **Adaptability**

- **Second Civil War**

  Context: All the kids are practicing for their Civil War band march, a reenactment of the American Civil War from 1861 to 1865. Due to Cartman interrupting the practice, he gets on Kyle and Stan's nerves, ultimately storming off.
  The Strategy/Plan: Cartman being naturally pissed off and dressed as a Confederate General Robert E. Lee in the reenactment of the Battle of Tamarack Hill, makes a deal with Stan and Kyle that if South wins the war, they'll have to be his slaves, and if he loses, he gets to be theirs. As South never wins, Kyle and Stan gladly accept, but Cartman has planned for that, so he instills that idea into Uncle Jimbo, who plays the part of the South in the act, while under the influence from the S'more Schnapps beer which is sponsoring the event. With Cartman now leading a bunch of drunks and leading them into victory, they eventually convince the Union reenactors to join them while dozing them with beer as well as they march in order to take over the country, and start moving to Topeka and beyond. They grow significantly in numbers, raiding towns for more S'more Schnapps to continue their drinking binge which Cartman uses as fuel for their motivation. In retaliation, Stan and Kyle manage to steal their supply of beer, which Cartman immediately takes account for by ordering more. Their revolt grows so much in power that Cartman blackmails President Clinton into signing the

surrender to the South. Just as Cartman is about to win, Stan and Kyle take the roles of Jefferson Davis, the superior of Robert Lee (Cartman's character) and Abraham Lincoln respectively in front of the White House, as they "reenact" the end of the war with South "surrendering". This proves to be the only way to get through the drunken idiots and they actually end up respecting Kyle and Stan more through their drunken minds. Ultimately, Kyle and Stan win the bet, only for them to realize that Cartman's entire bet was a setup from the beginning, as with South's surrender, slavery gets abolished too, a claim which Clinton affirms, as Cartman still has dirt on him. So ultimately, even if the plan didn't totally succeed, it didn't fail, especially when taking into consideration how ambitious it was. *(The Red Badge of Gayness – Season 3 Episode 14)*

Strategy, Planning, Thinking, Reasoning, Manipulation, Building up influence, Oratory skills, Adaptability, Info Gathering, Trap Setting

- **Brown Noise**

Cartman successfully discovered a note which when played, will induce everyone who hears it to shit themselves. The testing took about a single day while utilizing Kenny as his test subject. Certainly an out-there discovery, and quite crass indeed, but impressive nonetheless. *(World Wide Recorder Concert – Season 3 Episode 17)*

Full Scale IQ, Overall knowledge, Analyzation

- **Kidney DIY Surgery**

As Kyle becomes incredibly ill, as his kidneys are now failing, the doctors tell his mother, Sheila, that Kyle needs surgery, but she's too fearful of such extreme measures. What Sharon suggests instead is that Sheila tries the New Age healing to cure Kyle, as those "medicinal" products are prescribed by "Miss Information". She prescribes a series of herbal medicines to help him, though they actually make his condition worse. Stan, not buying her crap for a second and out of genuine concern for his friend, goes to Dr. Doctor to inquire over the matter. The Doctor confirms that Kyle's only hope now is a kidney transplant, and the only donor available in South Park who matches AB negative blood type is Eric Cartman. Stan tries to convince Cartman to donate one of his kidneys to Kyle, Eric demands ten million dollars for it, which they obviously can't provide. The following night, Stan, Kenny, Butters and Timmy sneak into Cartman's house, attempting to remove his kidney themselves. As they lift his shirt up, it turns out to be a futile effort, as Cartman anticipating their move, puts on a "Kidney Blocker 2000" with

a lock on him to prevent exactly that.
Anticipation, **Prediction**

- **Church Charity**

Context: Stan, Cartman and Kenny mess around in church, as they are warned by priest Father Maxi that they will be damned if they do not embrace their religious values. His insistence upon this completely scares them into attending Sunday School classes with a nun named Sister Anne, who is just genuinely trying to teach them about communion and confession, unfortunately it all gets filtered through this idea that if they don't confess for everything, they will undoubtedly go to hell.

The Strategy/Plan: As Cartman starts confessing about all the terrible things he did to Father Maxi in particular to him (while it's presented as if it's anonymous), he gets enraged to the point where he violently attacks him in the confessional. He tells the rest of the boys that "God's vengeful arm" reached out and shook him, which only scares the kids even further. Cartman reaffirms this idea that unless you confess, you certainly get struck by God's vengeful hand only terrifies the rest of the kids, especially for Kyle and Timmy, as Kyle is Jewish and Timmy, being disabled, can utter only his name. As the kids are about to return to the church in order to confess, they find Father Maxi having sex with Mrs. Donovan in the confessional. Disgusted by the display of sinfulness, they leave, as Cartman begins directing the children to the creation of a new Christian community, which he himself is leading, under the pretenses that it's morally superior and more accessible to the cases like Kyle and Timmy, as it's "repayment" is more neutral… Money. *(Do the Handicapped Go to Hell? - Season 4 Episode 9)*

The kids at South Park build their own church to live in sinlessness, as they refuse to go to school or home as much as possible, whilst everyone listens earnestly to Cartman, who takes the role of a televangelist-esque preacher. In spite of various emotional appeals to bribes from the parents, they all fall through due to the influence Cartman's religious zeal gets. At the end, Cartman reveals to Stan and Kyle that the entire scheme was for money only as he successfully conned various, frightened kids out of their money. Ultimately, Cartman's scheme fails because Sister Anne manages to disband it by having Jesus Christ himself come and explain that there's more to Christianity than money and pressured confession to God. Cartman's entire operation is shut down as he's sent to Ensenada. So despite Cartman's plan ultimately failing, it only failed because a divine being

interfered, otherwise his plan was waterproof. *(Probably - Season 4 Episode 10)*
Strategy, Planning, Manipulation, Deception, Building up influence, Oratory skills, Adaptability, Info Gathering

- **Molesting Parents**

Context: Cartman has four tickets to the "Raging Pussies" concert, and the rest of the boys all want to go. When Kyle asks his parents for permission, they characteristically forbid him from going by stating that the concert is too dangerous and vile. After negotiating relentlessly with them, Kyle's mom sarcastically agrees by giving ridiculously difficult challenges, including bringing democracy to Cuba, but in spite of its difficulty, Kyle manages to achieve all of the requirements. However, his parents still refuse to let him go to the concert. In his fury, he questions his parents' authority and angrily wishes that he had no parents at all, but Cartman gets an idea that could perhaps turn that wish into a reality.

The Strategy/Plan: Cartman suggests that he can call the police and claim that his parents have been "molestering" him, as then they'll go away (a trick he played on his mother's ex-boyfriend). After some practice from Cartman on how to get the accusation right and believable, Kyle makes the call and the police arrest his parents. The boys then ecstatically go to the concert afterwards Kyle hosts a party at his parent-free home and dances in his underwear. Seeing how liberated they are without parents, all of the children begin calling the police on their parents and teachers, resulting in the adults being taken to prison, and the few remaining adults leave the town in fear of getting imprisoned themselves. Before long, only the children populate the town. Meanwhile, a couple from out of town, Mark and Linda Cotner, are having car trouble, as they approach the limits of South Park, now titled "Smiley Town". They make it to a garage where they meet Butters and Craig. They're in desperate search for adults, so they ask for the nearest phone, and are told that it is in "Treasure Cove", which is the other part of the town. As they cross the line which separates the two sides, they're attacked and driven back into Smiley Town after getting rescued by Craig, who takes them to the mayor of Smiley Town, a.k.a. Cartman. Knowing that a ritual called "Carousel" is going to be held that night, Cartman asks Mark and Linda to go to Treasure Cove and retrieve a book for him. Getting the book will force a member of Treasure Cove to be sacrificed to The Provider. Mark and Linda agree to help, but are soon attacked by the residents of Treasure Cove, which are led by Stan and Kyle. After some rationalizing, Stan

explains to the couple that in the “before times”, children were limited to the “birth-givers”, but once “the fatass” devised a plan on how to make the birth-givers disappear using the “M word”, that resulted in a chaotic aftermath where the community struggled to survive without essentially resources. They turned to worshiping a figure called the Provider, but disagreements arose over how to worship, which led Cartman to simply give himself the position of the mayor in town, causing further division within the community. The disagreement turns Provider angry, which leads to the ritual at Carousel, where a book exchange is necessary to prevent harm, and whichever side doesn’t have the book will have to take one of their residents to sacrifice. Mark and Linda then change their team, as they agree to get the book from Smiley Town in order to get a phone and contact the outside world. As the couple leaves, Mark tells Linda to hide in the car whilst he gets the job done, however as Cartman suspected they might turn on him, he then kidnaps his wife after Butters dissimilated their car. Both sides of the town reach the ritual, where now Mark has stolen the book from Smiley Town and gave it to Stan and Kyle. With that, one resident from Smiley Town must sacrifice themselves, which turns out is entirely up to Cartman’s will, as he orders Butters to be the one, leading to the terrifying conclusion that Cartman came up with the Provider nonsense, just so he can take the higher positionary role in town, and after the opposing side had issues with that, he pretended that it was the Provider who was actually unpleased with that decision, causing the ritual in the first place. Once Cartman threatens the couple that they will say they have “molestered” him too, Mark realizes what actually happened here, as he explains to the kids in a speech, that their parents *are* their providers. The speech resonates with the children and causes them to remember that they were actually much happier with the parents around. Once the parents arrive, they now believe they were cured of the sick sexual urges they were gaslit into believing they actually had. They’re reunited with their children as they deeply apologize for their actions, as the kids just decide to go with it so they don’t get in trouble. *(The Wacky Molestation Adventure - Season 4 Episode 16)*
Strategy, **Planning**, **Manipulation**, **Deception**, **Anticipation**, **Prediction**, **Building up influence**, **Oratory skills**, **Adaptability**

- **<u>Scott Tenorman’s Destruction</u>**
  Context: A teenager Scott Tenorman tricked Cartman into buying his pubes for 10$ by exploiting his lack of experience and general ignorance, as Cartman thought that you’re an

adult once you “have your own pubes”. Once Cartman realized this wasn’t what that meant, he went back to Scott to attempt and get his money back, but Scott continuously outsmarted him and even recorded him doing a humiliating dance which he showed to all the kids in the town. This sends Cartman flying off the deep end, where he gets bloodlusted to ensure Scott’s total destruction.

The Strategy/Plan: Once Cartman began his scheming on how to get revenge on Scott, he gathers all of his “friends” to hear him elaborate on the plans further. These plans are in comparison very poorly thought out and rushed, as they backfire. However at the end he tells his friends about the last revenge he’s cooking up, where he’ll spend some of his time teaching a pony from Mr. Danken’s farm on how to bite off Scott’s weiner at a chili con carnival he’s setting up. However, considering that Kyle and Stan absolutely hate Cartman’s guts, they rat on him to Scott, and just in that moment Cartman gives him tickets to his chili con carnival. Scott in retaliation, now knowing Cartman’s plan, decides to take it up a notch, where he deceives his parents into believing him that an innocent pony is in need of help, but he’s overly occupied with studying to do anything about it. His parents believe his “momma’s boy” act and go help the pony as Scott was too worried it would actually bite his dick off. In the meantime, alongside other teenagers, he prepares a chili specifically for Cartman which includes the pubes of all the teens in town. Once Scott arrives at Cartman's carnival and they offer each other chili, Cartman reveals that besides simply switching his chili with Chef’s so that he doesn’t actually have to eat pubes, he already had an idea that Stan and Kyle would betray him and warn him about his plan. He also predicted that Scott would worryingly send his parents to the pony and foil Cartman’s plan as he would fear it would actually chow down, so before that night, Cartman warned Mr. Dankens that violent pony killers are in the area, and Dankens being a crazy redneck shot his parents at sight. Cartman later on stole the bodies and cooked them up into a chili which he fed to Scott. Right as that was happening, the band Radiohead appeared, a band Scott enjoyed as Cartman learned from spying in his room, just to further insult him, as they were orchestrated by Cartman. In turn, Cartman conducted a strategy where he took into account his friend’s actions, Scott’s actions, his parent’s actions and Danken’s actions. Four-layered plan all together. *(Scott Tenorman Must Die - Season 5 Episode 4)*

Strategy, Planning, Foresight, Manipulation, Deception, Anticipation, Prediction, Trap Setting, Seeing Through People

- **Stem Cell Legalization**

  Context: Cartman randomly discovers a crashed truck which he discovers carried 33 aborted fetuses. He immediately gathers them and tries to sell them for various research labs. He successfully manages to make a deal to sell them for 110$, but the entire plan derails once Congress bans stem cell research. In the meantime, their friend Kenny gets diagnosed with muscular dystrophy as he's confirmed that he will most probably die.

  The Strategy/Plan: Once Cartman discovers that Kenny is at death's door, he acts weirdly and uncharacteristically emotional, to the point where he breaks out crying and hugging Kyle, telling him he vows to find a cure. As he starts on his journey and learns that through stem cell research scientists have found out they can replicate cells with it. Cartman goes all the way to Washington D.C. to address a joint session of Congress. He delivers a very emotional speech relating to his friend's potential death which could be prevented if the research was legalized, but it's his impassioned singing of a song "Heat of the Moment" which is what convinces the legislation to repeal the ban. In spite of this, Kenny dies before any of that can change anything, but in that moment it's revealed that Cartman used Kenny's death as an excuse to legalize stem cell research, which is how he was able to get his aborted fetuses into use and ultimately replicate Shakey's Pizza joint into a carbon copy for his own use after he had a theory that it could work like that when implemented onto non-organic matter. *(Kenny Dies - Season 5 Episode 13)*

  Strategy, Planning, Thinking, Reasoning, Manipulation, Deception, Oratory skills

- **Baby Veal Negotiation**

  Context: Ms. Choksondik's fourth grade class goes on a field trip to a farm, where the boys discover that veal is actually baby calves' meat. All the boys, except Cartman, are horrified and decide to save the calves from slaughter the following morning.

  The Strategy/Plan: Stan, Kyle and Butters get Cartman to help them rescue the calves by burning the farm's roof down so they can get inside it, and bring them to Stan's house. When they are discovered by their parents, the boys barricade the door until they are promised the calves will be safe. Sharon refuses to lie and states they will be safe out of fear of regretting it, and Randy cannot remove the door without tearing the house down. The situation quickly escalates into a standoff between the boys and the police, who declare the kids terrorists. As it progresses, the FBI comes along and

they get one negotiator to talk with the boys, of which Cartman picks up the phone. Cartman manages to outwit him into trading a single calve for heavy weaponry, including an ICBM, but once the negotiator steps up that perhaps two calves will serve as compensation for the delivered goods, Cartman stands his ground and declares that he requires more now. Cartman tells him his last two demands are for a, a cattle truck driven by Michale Dorn (in full Worf makeup while addressing Cartman as "captain") to drive them to the airport so they can escape to Mexico and b, to get the FDA into changing the term for veal to "tortured baby cow meat". This all works out, but the boys are eventually outmaneuvered by the police, who capture the truck. In spite of this, the plan ultimately turns successful, as due to Cartman's demand for the official legal chance of the veal, no one apparently wants to order veal anymore, completely shutting the market down, and with that the calves survive. *(Fun With Veal - Season 6 Episode 4)*

Strategy, Planning, Thinking, Reasoning, Manipulation, Anticipation, Prediction, Oratory skills, Building up influence, Adaptability,

- **Time Travel**

  In the future, it was revealed that Cartman was responsible for the creation of time travel, as he became the CEO of that company. This is proof of a potential brain power he has, that he hasn't fully had access to due to his age *(My Future Self 'n' Me - Season 6 Episode 16)*

  Full Scale IQ, Academics, Overall knowledge

- **Toilet Paper**

  Context: The boys were punished by having detention to make a new pottery of two hours for building an erect penis out of clay and talking back to Mrs. Streibel in art class. Annoyed about their punishment, they take revenge by toilet papering her house during the night. Kyle is then horrified to discover that she has kids. He regrets their actions and has nightmares about their misdeed.

  The Strategy/Plan: The following day, the boys are called to the counselor's office. Frightened that they may be interrogated about what happened to the Streibel family, Cartman on the spot comes up with a complex alibi, which dictates that last night they were all at the bowling alley until about 7:30, at which time they have noticed Ally Sheedy, the Goth chick from Breakfast Club, who was bowling in the lane next to them, and they asked for her autograph, but she did not have a pen, so they followed her out to her car, but on the way there, five Scientologists wanted to give

them all personality tests, which were administered at the Scientology Center in Denver until 10:45, at which time they accidentally boarded the wrong bus home and ended up in Rancho de Burritos Rojos, south of Castle Rock, and finally got a ride home with a man who was missing his left index finger, named Gary Bushwell, arriving home around 11:46. Kyle gets confused about the details of the story and is noticeably distressed. Cartman grows concerned that Kyle might confess. That night, Kyle is having nightmares again, and as the guilt is eating him up from the inside, he gets out of the bed to tell him mom, only to be confronted with Cartman in front of his door. He asks him why he got up, only for Kyle to answer he wants the glass of water. Cartman, having predicted this, already holds one in his hand as he gives it to him, startling Kyle and throwing him off. He asks if he needs anything else, to which Kyle declines, as he goes back to bed. As it turned out, Officer Barbrady forced a confession out of Butters, and upon seeing this, Kyle is finally able to convince Stan and Kenny that they should confess. The next morning, Stan, Kyle and Kenny rush into the office, only to find out that Cartman had already confessed to get a less harmful punishment for their misdemeanor; making the other boys look bad in comparison. Each of them received two weeks of detention, while Cartman got only one week for "being brave". Cartman, still unhappy that he couldn't get away with it, did ultimately get the lesser punishment. (Toilet Paper - Season 7 Episode 3)
Strategy, **Planning**, **Thinking**, **Reasoning**, **Manipulation**, **Deception**, **Anticipation**, **Prediction**, **Adaptability**

- **Founding Fathers**

Context: When Mr. Garrison agrees to let anyone protesting the war in Iraq out of school early for the rally. All the kids say that they are against the war and then leave, even though they know little about the war, terrorist or the founding fathers. The boys then are interviewed outside the school and are asked for their opinion on what the Founding Fathers would think about the conflict and show their ignorance by not knowing who they even were. Angered by the embarrassment, Mr. Garrison gives them an assignment to decide what the Founders would say about the war. Stan, Kyle and Kenny begin to study, but Cartman can't concentrate to save his life. He instead decides he'll take a different approach.
The Strategy/Plan: Bored out of his mind via studying, Cartman decides he wants to induce himself a flashback of the colonial era first by a cliched flashback inducing dialog, and then by dropping a large rock on his own head. Neither of

these plans work unsurprisingly, but he refuses to give up. Even though the rest of the boys tell him he should quit being lazy and just study, Cartman decides to attempt to merge his and the TVOH! console's electromagnetic fields on which he programmed dozens of documentaries from The History Channel by electrocuting himself in water alongside the console. The boys warn him that's a really bad plan, but he follows through anyway. Surprisingly enough, this turns out to be working, as Cartman's physical body falls into a coma, whilst his mind travels back to the colonial era in Philadelphia. He stumbles upon the official postman whose job is to deliver the Declaration of Independence from Thomas Jefferson's home, but Cartman kills him and poses as him instead. His disguise is a success, as he delivers the Declaration to the Continental Congress for a vote; there, a great argument breaks out about whether or not to go to war against the United Kingdom. The debate devolves into incoherent rabble, right as Benjamin Franklin shows up and proposes that the new country must not be seen as a warmonger by the rest of the world; at the same time, it must not be seen as weak either. Therefore, the United States will go to war on one hand, and use protests to oppose the war on the other. He refers to this as saying one thing and doing another. Cartman wakes up and delivers his message to the town, as his speech calms both rallies in the town, as they celebrate with a song. Kyle and Stan end up infuriated as Cartman somehow ends up saving the day. *(I'm a Little Bit Country - Season 7 Episode 4)*

Strategy, **Planning**, **Thinking**, **Reasoning**, **Manipulation**, **Deception**, **Oratory skills**, **Adaptability**, **Info Gathering**, **Full Scale IQ**, **Overall knowledge**

- ## **Double Myrrh**

Context: The boys are in the garage practicing for their band called Moop, although they're doing very poorly.

The Strategy/Plan: Cartman gets an idea that they should play Christian rock instead of what they're playing right now, as he claims it's a stepping stone towards fame, but they kick him out of the group for that. Cartman then bets Kyle 10$ that he'll be the first to get his band go Platinum by selling one million records, to which Kyle agrees, as he thinks it's impossible for Cartman to do this. Cartman takes this extremely seriously, as he recruits Butters as the band's drummer and Tolkien as a bass guitarist. At first, they're both unsure about that decision, but Cartman successfully convinces them due to the built-in audience of Christians in America, and how efficient it is in comparison to the profit. The band finds immediate success topping the

Christian rock charts, with Cartman simply tweaking the lyrics of love ballads to include Jesus' name. To only amp their growing popularity, Cartman has managed to put their band, Faith + 1, into the live performance of ChrisFest, the single largest Christian gathering in the Midwest, as he also successfully traps another band, Sanctified, into a backstage closet, so they can't perform. As Faith + 1 absolutely rocks their hearts off, they eventually celebrate the sale of its millionth album, only to the rest of the boys', but especially Kyle's sorrow. Cartman arrogantly blows all the earned money the band made to their awards ceremony, as he reassures Tolkien that now that they're successful, they will effortlessly make more. However, as it turned out to Cartman's horror, Christian record companies only hand out gold, frankincense, and myrrh records, so Cartman in spite of the met requirements didn't technically get a platinum album, which meant Kyle "technically" doesn't owe him 10$. The fact that he still hasn't beaten Kyle's bet due to the technicality angers him significantly more than the success or millions of dollars could remedy, so he blasphemously ruins the ceremony himself by cursing Jesus. He's beaten up by angered Tolkien as he ruined their chance to get more money. In spite of this plan ultimately backfiring, I do think it's still notable that Cartman managed to very efficiently and casually make so much money through very keen observations on exploiting Christian music. The reason he ultimately didn't profit off of it is simply because that wasn't his primary motivation, and he instead wanted to fuck with Kyle. *(Christian Rock Hard - Season 7 Episode 9)*
Strategy, **Planning**, **Thinking**, **Reasoning**, **Observation**, **Manipulation**, **Deception**, **Building up influence**, **Oratory skills**

- **Casa Bonita**

Context: It's Kyle's birthday as he announces to the other boys that his mother is taking him to Casa Bonita, and that he can invite three friends. Cartman upon hearing that grows ecstatic as he dreams about it frequently, until Kyle disappoints him by revealing that he decided to invite Butters as the third friend as he already invited him to his and Cartman meanwhile consistently mocks him for being a Jew. **The Strategy/Plan:** Cartman begins to put on the facade that he's a nice person through methods so laughably transparent, Kyle immediately catches onto them, as Cartman legitimately lacks the idea of what genuine kindness even looks like. So in spite of this, Cartman sucks up all the toxicity within him to genuinely apologize to Kyle for all the abuse he had inflicted upon him, and that he hopes that he can still get to hang out with him, Stan and Kenny besides the Casa Bonita

being filled to the brim. Kyle tries to catch him off guard, but Cartman's apology seemed genuine, to which he responded that if Butters was to go missing, he'd allow him to take his place. That sentence greenlights Cartman to begin a ridiculously dedicated con on Butters where he exploits his gullible nature into believing that a meteor about the size of Wyoming is about to hit the Earth, and arranges for him to go into hiding to escape the disaster in the deserted bomb shelter filled with food and water, and with Butters gone and the entire town trying to find him, Cartman appropriately now has an opportunity to go to Casa Bonita. No one suspects Cartman of anything, however Kyle still feels bad about going to Casa Bonita with Butters missing, so they decide to postpone the party for next week. As Cartman didn't intend for the shelter to take that long, he has to move Butters out as he would inevitably be found, so he makes Butters wear a cardboard box over his head, making him believe that the destruction is too heinous for him to see. He brings Butters to the abandoned gas station and acts as if he was bitten by a radioactive cannibal, instilling Butters with the sense of dread that he has to hide away even from his "savior". So with Butters missing and with him having zero interest to be found, he ends up at a Park County Trash Dump, where he's led to believe that the trash is actually what's made out of the town. He eventually gets found by the workers, just about as the boys were entering Casa Bonita. Kyle's mom gets a call from the police, informing them that Cartman is responsible, but in spite of this, Eric refuses to lose fully, so he speedruns Casa Bonita, doing everything in it as fast as possible. He gets caught ultimately, but doesn't care, as it was "totally worth it." *(Casa Bonita – Season 7 Episode 11)*
Strategy, **Planning**, **Manipulation**, **Deception**, **Adaptability**

- **<u>Hippie Pest Control</u>**

Context: Cartman shows up at the doorstep of an elderly neighbor dressed in full pest control gear, telling her she may have an infestation of hippies. According to him, the number of hippies residing in South Park has been on the rise, and as an avid hater, is determined to stop them. He continuously collects them, rounds them up and locks them in his basement, which shows dozens more hippies. In spite of Cartman's efforts, they keep spreading, convincing other kids that they have been tricked into selling themselves out to the corporations, until many more people adopt the ideology. Aware of this, Cartman informs the City Council of the hippie infestation, but the council and the Mayor do not take him seriously and have him kicked out. Still, this doesn't demotivate him, so he keeps going at his vigilante run, until

officer Barbrady pulls up and arrests him for illegally imprisoning sixty-three hippies in his basement, which Cartman doesn't recognize as a crime as he fully believes that, now more than ever as hippies will gather for an upcoming music festival, his help to get rid of them is crucial.

The Strategy/Plan: Mayor McDaniels shows up at Cartman's cell and tells him she has signed the permit to the festival, hoping it would boost their economy, as South Park is a very humble town, however Cartman is left infuriated as he claims that they do not have money and that she has just doomed South Park. His predictions come true, as when the festival commences, it attracts thousands of hippies nationwide, who spend their entire event listening to music and getting high, constantly rambling about changing the world for the better. Eventually, millions of hippies reside in South Park, declaring it the Hippie capital of the world, and the townspeople go into a frenzy, as the Mayor even commits suicide from guilt. Desperate, the townsfolk apologize to Cartman and release him, begging him to get rid of them. Cartman complies, but only if a certain compensation is met, which is that he gets the new Tonka remote-controlled bulldozer, whilst Kyle explicitly doesn't, as he's forced to watch Cartman play with his toy. The requirements are set, and Cartman dictates that they have to penetrate through the crowd using the drilling vehicle, and once they approach the center of the stage, they'll insert a Slayer CD into the stereos, which will instantly disperse the hippies. He proclaims he needs a scientist, an engineer and a black man willing to sacrifice himself in the case of an emergency. Randy, Mrs. Stotch and Chef tag along under Cartman's instructions. The plan works out perfectly, as Cartman murders a bunch of hippies as well as the band in the process and gets his ultimate satisfaction seeing Kyle begrudgingly watch him play with his hard-earned toy. *(Die Hippie, Die - Season 9 Episode 2)*

Strategy, Planning, Foresight, Thinking, Reasoning, Observation, Building up influence, Anticipation, Prediction

- **Girl Sleepover**

Context: Cartman gathers the boys in his basement and shows them a videotape in which he caught footage of the girls using a cootie catcher to predict the future. All of them being collectively ignorant it's just a game, they believe that the girls possess a secretive, high-tech future-telling device. Cartman tells the other boys that they must plot on how to steal it.

The Strategy/Plan: Cartman orders that they construct a

containment center, complete with bio suits, a quarantine shower and a housing unit to store the "device" in order to study it. He then comes up with a plan on how to steal it. Cartman predicts that the girls will most likely use the device at Heidi Turner's sleepover party, and they arrange for one of the boys to go to the party disguised as a girl, which unsurprisingly falls on Butters. Cartman then says that they need to orchestrate a public suicide first, which they do, as they have Butters stand at the top of a skyscraper, declaring that he is going to end his life by jumping off. In reality, the boys drop a swine carcass dressed like Butters over the edge. As the swine explodes into a bloody soup, the imagery is too shocking for anyone to bear, instead they just simply bury the swine remains like that, as Butters' mom becomes entirely hysterical with grief at her son's apparent death. Cartman says the plan has worked, as now no one will be concerned with Butters' whereabouts while he pretends to be a girl. Later on, they dress Butters as a girl, under the name of "Marjorine", and as Cartman fakes to be Marjorine's mother, she contacts Heidi's mom and tells her that her daughter must go to the party, and pressures her into that decision as Cartman poses to be governor's assistant. After Butters, while in disguise, socializes with the girls, after he gets the order from the boys, he quickly snatches the "device" and leaves, much to the girl's confusion painted on top of total indifference. Butters retreats the device to the other boys, as they ultimately decide that possessing that amount of power is too dangerous for them to withhold. They decide to have Kenny blow up the device rather than to shield it from the CIA, terrorists or Russia. *(Marjorine - Season 9 Episode 9)*

Strategy, **Planning**, **Manipulation**, **Deception**, **Info Gathering**, **Anticipation**, **Prediction**

- **<u>Ginger Genocide</u>**

  Context: During a class presentation, Cartman presents a hate-speech presentation towards gingers, claiming that they're evil, soulless creatures of the night, akin to vampires. He uses Kyle as an example of those who are immune to the sun's effect, as he has auburn hair, but not light skin and freckles, hence dubbing people such as Kyle as "Daywalkers". After his speech, the boys watched, as Cartman's presentation was so compelling, it encouraged other students to discriminate against gingers. This infuriates Kyle all the more. He opts to do his own presentation about the genetics that causes the birth of gingers and proceeds to interview a family with ginger children. During the interview it soon becomes apparent that although Cartman's prejudiced

ideas about gingers are untrue, the fact remains that the general public, even the parents of three red-haired, freckled kids, carry a similar bigoted hatred and intolerance towards them. Despite Kyle's best efforts to explain the actual topic scientifically, it ends up sounding too nerdy and uninteresting to the kids, especially due to how well Cartman delivered his speech. Finally fed up with Cartman's bigotry, Kyle and the others agree that Cartman needs to be taught a lesson. That night they break into Cartman's house and after subduing him, they dye his hair red, bleach his skin and give him henna freckles, to make him look like a ginger. Both he and his mom are horrified at the realization. Next day at school, Cartman suffers from the discrimination that he created with his speech, causing Kyle and the others to think he would finally learn a lesson

The Strategy/Plan: Cartman now, fed up with people's bullshit and too arrogant to realize it was fueled by his hatred, assembles all the ginger students and becomes a leader of the "Ginger Separatist Movement", a group which initially claimed that it wanted equality, citing Ron Howard as a source of Ginger Pride. He at first successfully manages to make the innocent ginger kids feel more pride, but he quickly shifts his movement to become violent and Nazistic in tone, as Cartman claims that the only way to fight hate is with more hate. He then orchestrates the act of savagely beating a non-ginger actress for playing the ginger role of Annie Warbucks in the Musical "Annie". Cartman's group continues to grow in size and Cartman himself begins to preach that gingers are, in fact, the chosen race, and orders the immediate eradication of all non-gingers from Earth. Following Cartman's orders, the gingers abduct all of South Park's children, including Stan, Kyle and Kenny, after which they bring them to their meeting place, the Sunset Room at the Airport Hilton. Cartman orders a lava pit in the center of the Sunset Room, in which the gingers intend to ritualistically murder the rest of the children. Kyle as a "Daywalker" is chosen as the first to die, but before the gingers throw him into the lava, he whispers to Cartman that he is not really ginger, but instead was made to look like one by him, Stan and Kenny. Cartman, quite startled by the news, manages to somehow compose himself and instantly tell his followers that he suddenly had an epiphany, realizing that everyone should just get along or else they're as bad as the people who persecuted them. The gingers are initially extremely suspicious of Cartman's sudden change of opinion, but Cartman makes it more convincing and then appeases them by singing "Hands in Hand". In that moment, all the gingers free the abducted kids. *(Ginger Kids - Season 9 Episode 11)*

Strategy, Planning, Manipulation, Deception, Building up influence, Oratory skills, Adaptability

- **Canceling Family Guy**

  Context: The town goes into a frenzy after a news report which claimed that the hit show Family Guy will be airing an episode showing the Muslim Prophet Muhammad in a satirical showing, as they're afraid they'll get bombed. The entire town collectively agrees Family Guy went too far with this pitch, besides Kyle, Stan and Kenny who seem to don't think there's anything bad about it, as they quite like it, as opposed to Cartman who thinks it's lazily written. The next morning it is revealed that Fox Network censored Muhammad at the last minute, but that it was only actually a part one of a two-parter, and that the second half would be showing Muhammad uncensored. Alongside this news, videos of terrorists threatening the United States throw the town into another fit of panic. President George Bush contacts the Fox Network in order to get them to pull the episode, after it's revealed that the Family Guy writers aren't actual people, but rather manatees which randomly pick "idea-balls", making each gag feel interchangeable. They're absolutely unmoved by the terrorist attack as they believe as long as one concept can't be used, then nothing can.

  The Strategy/Plan: Cartman throws a fit, acting offended when Kyle shows him the episode, thinking it's too careless to toy around with people's beliefs like that on national television. Kyle calls out his hypocrisy, only for him to defend that whilst he's an individual, a whole television series should have a little bit more class. Cartman, seeing the outrage, decides to go to the Fox Network in order to get the episode pulled on the pretenses that it is in fact offensive to Muslim people and that it could lead to chaos. Cartman successfully gets Kyle to help him after he scares him with threats well enough to the point where Kyle has nightmares about his family and friends getting bombed under a terrorist attack, so he decides he will help Cartman, as he truly feels he changed somehow. As Cartman and Kyle ride on tricycles, Eric accidently lets it slip that after the episode gets pulled off the air, it will induce a domino effect where every culture/race/religion will use the pretense of an already pulled episode to get their satirical adaptation off the network, which will inevitably cancel Family Guy. Kyle figures out that Cartman's actual motive is to get Family Guy canceled simply because he dislikes the show, and that he used the public outrage as an excuse. A chase pursuits, where Cartman successfully escapes Kyle by staggering his wheels utilizing Cheesy Poofs. *(Cartoon Wars*

Part I – Season 10 Episode 3)
Cartman eventually arrives at FOX Studios and goes up to the reception asking to speak with the FOX executives. There he meets Bart Simpson who also wants to get it pulled through asking roughly, but Cartman guarantees him it's better if he gives that job to him, as he'll use fear to instill what he wants. Once he enters, he pleads for the executives to pull the episode for the sake of other people's lives, while under the persona of a Danish boy called Danny Pocket. They are touched and they give him the opportunity to speak to the staff themselves. Kyle meanwhile eventually catches up to them, only to be knocked out by Bart who tricks him into entering a maintenance closet (implying Cartman manipulated him into working for him and warning him of Kyle off-screen). Once Cartman arrives to the writing staff, he's quite startled by the fact that they're manatees, however once he discovers that their indifference to the threats stems from the fact that they don't think anything should be off the table, as at that point they're picking and choosing what flies and what doesn't, Cartman sneaks into the Network and steals one of those balls, instantly demotivating the manatees to work, to the confusion of the people around them, including the president. Cartman manipulates him into believing that they're protesting due to the censorship, and that he shouldn't be pushed around by them. The president stands his ground and decides to pull the episode. The Plan almost works, until Kyle successfully convinces Bart to let him go, as he's on a slippery slope to become as monstrous as Cartman. After that, Kyle and Cartman have a fight, which Cartman almost wins cheaply, only to be knocked out by Bart who had a change of heart. Both Kyle and Cartman reach the FOX president's office, Kyle trying to convince him he shouldn't pull the episode, meanwhile Cartman threatens him with the gun. Kyle with his weird otherworldly ability to inspire people ultimately convinces the president to air the episode, turning Cartman's plan unsuccessful, but in spite of this, this plan proved to be quite effective and relatively efficient if it wasn't for Kyle. *(Cartoon Wars Part II – Season 10 Episode 4)*
Strategy, Planning, Foresight, Thinking, Reasoning, Observation, Manipulation, Deception, Oratory skills, Adaptability, Info Gathering

- **<u>Super Nannies</u>**

Context: One day at school, Mr. Mackey called Ms. Cartman to his office to discuss her kid's behavior. Liane bursts into tears after explaining how difficult it is to control her son's behavior. Mr. Mackey recommends a TV show called Nanny

911. Liane, being at a dead end, contacts her, and at his house, Cartman is playing on his Xbox 360. When Nanny Stella arrives with her camera crew, she promptly annoys Cartman by taking away his Xbox, so he gets revenge by manipulating her to leave, as he starts messing with her mind and asking why she is a nanny if she has no kids of her own. He continues to push on that, before arriving at a conclusion that no one probably wanted to have kids with her, and the overwhelming dread of witnessing all her friends get married while her "uterus is shriveling away, drying up, becoming totally useless" is happening in the background of their fulfillment. Horrified and disgusted by his words, she marches out.
After this botched plan, Cartman's mom also contacts Supernanny, whose reputation is perceived as tougher. In spite of this, although we don't see the manipulation, we see the aftermath of it, as the nanny ended up in a mental institute, feasting on her own feces. (Tsst! - Season 10 Episode 7)
Thinking, Reasoning, Observation, Manipulation, Deception, Seeing Through People

- **Coon vs Mysterion**

Context: Cartman takes on a role of a wannabe crime-fighting vigilante known as the Coon. He claims South Park is a city of crime as he sets out to stop it, however all he does is attack innocents under the pretense that they're criminals and rapists. Cartman goes as far as to sneak into the Park County Police Station in order to report. When Sergeant Yates sees him, he complains about the Coon and tells him to leave, all whilst Cartman thinks he's working alongside them. The following night meanwhile, Coon encounters Mysterion, another kid crime-fighting vigilante. Cartman accuses him of being a copycat. Mysterion correctly deduces that the Coon is Cartman, due to his fatness, which only infuriates Cartman as he badly denies it. Cartman's fury grows stronger as he sees a news report on Mysterion. People are interviewed and give praise or disagree about him. He's beyond enraged that Mysterion receives all the superhero public response and that he gathered high praise from the cops also, as Mysterion actually stops genuine crimes.
The Strategy/Plan: Cartman goes to a U-Store-it alley to meet Professor Chaos, Butters' villainous alter ego for information on Mysterion. Chaos unleashed General Disarray on the Coon, who then beat him up. After Cartman calls a truce, he kicks Disarray and demands information about Mysterion. Chaos leads Coon to Disarray's Grandma's storage garage. Chaos gives Cartman a tour while showing him his suspects as Mysterion. Cartman then pressures Chaos into working together

in order to bring down Mysterion, as he convinces him it's in both of their best interests, after he tells him to grab a video camera. On the news, Professor Chaos released a video threatening to blow up a hospital unless Mysterion reveals himself. At a construction size, Chaos asks Coon if a hospital should be blown up; as Coon is a superhero after all, but Coon replies indifferently as he's a complete monster. Coon leaves to get the trigger and orders Chaos to keep an eye on the TNT. Soon after, Mysterion shows up as Coon leaves. Disarray freaks out and runs, whilst Chaos fights Mysterion, the cops being too intimidated to do anything. As the crowd gathers to encourage Mysterion, Disarray comes back and fights him as well. The villains knock Mysterion into a pile of plaster, as he remains motionless, leading the crowd to believe that he's dead. Mysterio refuses to back down though and quickly stirs, when in that moment, Coon comes back to stop Professor Chaos in front of the crowd. In that moment, the crowd cheers, as it gets deceived into believing that Coon and Mysterion teamed up to defeat the villains, but then Coon makes a subtle, non-confrontational threat that if Mysterion doesn't reveal his identity, more terrorists will attack the city to find out. Mysterion pivots, in spite of the policemen plead him to not reveal it, as then they'll be forced to arrest him for vigilantism, but Coon reignites that determination by telling him superheroes have to sacrifice themselves for good. Mysterion agrees and reveals himself, as he's then arrested. *(The Coon - Season 13 Episode 2)*

Strategy, Planning, Thinking, Reasoning, Manipulation, Deception, Building up influence, Adaptability, Trap Setting

- **<u>Charming Cthulhu</u>**

  Context: The Coon, which is Cartman's superhero identity,forms an alliance with all of his friends into a crime-fighting superhero team, which includes Mysterion (Kenny), Toolshed (Stan), Iron Maiden (Timmy), Tupperware (Tolkien), Mosquito (Clyde), Mintberry Crunch (Bradley) and Human Kite (Kyle). As they're informed that a fire breaks out in a local apartment building, Cartman's mom drives them to the location in order to save it, but they get beaten by an actual renowned superhero, Captain Hindsight, who doesn't actually save anyone, but just point out flaws on how the accident occurred in the first place. After he gives his critiques, he dips, leaving 14 people to subsequently die. Cartman concludes they need to get rid of the competition if they intend on making out in the superhero business. In the meantime, a BP drilling vessel goes to drill a new hole in the Gulf, only to accidentally cause another leak, which this

time opens a rift to another dimension, exposing humanity to a bunch of Lovecraftian entities. They try to remedy this by drilling the Moon in an attempt to change the gravitational pull on the Earth, which will place a cap on the dimensional vortex, however, this only worsens the situation and wakes up Cthulhu itself. While this is happening, Cartman shows total disregard for the lives at stake and just wants to beat Hindsight at a popularity game. This aggression which spirals out of control in turn gets him voted out of the team, as Cartman is now kicked out of the team that is named after him, which only makes him vengeful tenfold. *(Coon 2: Hindsight - Season 14 Episode 11)*

The Strategy/Plan: The boys get in trouble as Hindsight has ransacked their base, looking for incriminating photos of him with Courtney Love, which were in actuality just forged evidence done by Cartman, with Butters posing as Courtney, and a random homeless guy dressed as Hindsight. The boys try to explain to him that these fake photos are in totality a result of the Coon's blackmail, but Hindsight is too conflicted to believe them. Hindsight threatens them with a gun, only to be startled as Mysterion fearlessly jumps in front of the gun, telling him to shoot him, as it's revealed that Kenny canonically cannot die, and that every time he gets mutilated or decapitated, he just wakes up the next day, as no one can actually remember it. Cartman in the meantime, now that there's no superhero on the front-field as they're quite preoccupied with the mess he put them in, gets the attention of Cthulhu. He manages to charm it by pretending to be its pet, which Cthulhu ends up finding too adorable to simply ignore, let alone kill. Cartman successfully befriends Cthulhu and calls a press conference to declare themselves the new, and this time trademarked, "Coon and Friend". While this is happening, "Coon and FriendS" learn about the cult which worships Cthulhu, amongst which were Kenny's parents. After some deeper investigation, it turned out that Kenny's father sold his soul to the Lovecraftian gods for a free beer, which is why Kenny's cursed with immortality. Cthulhu is meanwhile flying through the air and destroying synagogues, San Francisco and a bunch of hippies while under Cartman's command. *(Mysterion Rises - Season 14 Episode 12)*

After a successful and a very devious lick indeed, Cartman goes to his basement where the crew he founded which kicked him out, tells him to fuck off, completely unaware of the things Cartman was doing in the meantime. Cartman in spite of this manages to convince them to go outside to witness the rare "double rainbow". When there is no double rainbow to be seen, Cartman brings out Cthulhu, who sends all of his "friends" to oblivion. Cartman successfully managed to get

rid of every annoyance, and the "Coon and Friends", now hopelessly stuck in a higher realm, lightly treading and wandering, leaves Kenny to do only one thing. He sacrifices himself in order to wake up back to reality. *(Coon vs. Coon and Friends – Season 14 Episode 13)*
Strategy, Planning, Manipulation, Deception, Building up influence, Adaptability, Trap Setting

- **Psychiatry Suicide**

  After Principal Victoria observed Cartman's habit of overreacting and his tendency to be quick to anger, she referred him to a consultation session with a psychiatrist, who tests to see how he deals with anger. While the psychiatrist tries to incite him to anger with insults about his obesity, Cartman shows seeming indifference towards his comments, simply pulling out his phone and messaging someone. As the psychiatrist informs Mrs. Cartman that her son is actually pretty level-headed in comparison to most kids, he receives a phone call from his wife, who informs him that she just received a text from someone named "Mitch Connor", implicating him in an affair with a 14-year-old girl, before committing suicide by gunshot while on the phone. Cartman then just menacingly replies that he's not fat, just big-boned. *(T.M.I. – Season 15 Episode 5)*
  Manipulation, Deception, Info Gathering

- **Stolen Election**

  Context: The 2012 presidential election is coming to a close, as people around the United States submit their ballots. In the background of all of this, Barack Obama wants to reassure his election, which leads him to create some deals in the background with General Tso. As for the compensation, Tso orders Barack that afterwards, America ha to give Star Wars rights to China, so Disney can stop fucking up the movies so bad, as they want to protect the legacy of it.
  The Strategy/Plan: On the day of various people submitting their votes, Cartman visits all "swing states" in a day, and successfully deceives all the elderly poll workers by pretending to be a little kid who lost his mom. The election comes, as Barack Obama gets chosen to be re-elected, much to the dismay of Ike, Kyle's little, adopted brother, but in spite of this, Kyle strongly believes in democracy, and tries to reassure him it's a blessing that they GET to vote in the first place. Cartman contacts Kyle, instantly getting his attention by accurately abducting the fact that he's trying to cater to Ike by reminding him of the virtues of living in a democratic society. Kyle, being thrown off, gets told by Cartman to go visit his house right now, under the notion

that what's in Cartman's room could change the entire election. When he arrives, much to his horror, he sees thousands upon thousands of stolen ballots. Cartman tells Kyle he's responsible for this, and that he needs his help, only for Kyle to vow that he won't get away with this. Having gone to the police, Kyle and two officers arrive at Cartman's house to investigate Kyle's accusation of voter fraud. After an unwarranted search, the ballots were missing, having been elsewhere by Cartman, who then guilt-trips the officers into believing that the country is now changing and that their rights are being thrown away, much to his despair. Officers are quite shaken, as they leave Cartman alone and get all attention off of him. Needing help, Kyle seeks his friends, divulging Cartman's fraud, to which Butters reacts uncharacteristically defensive about, making Kyle suspicious he may be involved. Cornered and allergic to almonds, Butters ingests a single almond M&M, to avoid having to disseminate any information. Butters swells up and ends up at the hospital, where Kyle threatens him by getting his abusive father involved. Butters inevitably spills and reveals that Cartman is awaiting to do a transaction at Red Lobster. This proves to be true, as Cartman and General Tso are awaiting the arrival of Barack Obama, as it turned out Cartman previously made a deal with Tso, and he was their man who would steal the votes. However, once Obama enters and Tso learns that the ballots aren't in his domain and that Cartman moved them all. Cartman declares that the deal between him and Tso was to be altered if Tso were to expect that he would give the ballots to him. Tso is infuriated by the kid's boldness, but also cornered, when right in that moment all the kids barge into the Red Lobster, being dumbfounded by the situation in front of them. Cartman then, implying this was all a part of his plan, vanishes in a puff of smoke, leaving the kids to Obama and Tso, as they inevitably learn China's interest in helping America. As this information branches onto them, Mickey Mouse gets involved, where he demands to know where the missing ballots are from them, to which they inform him they're with Cartman. Mickey Mouse sends two Stormtroopers to kidnap Cartman and threaten him to give him the ballots, however this turns out to be the part of the plan all along, as Mickey was exactly the person he wanted to interact with. He correctly deduces that Mickey cares about the election because Romney would've been tougher with the Chinese and tells him he will switch sides if he gets to play Han Solo's son in the new Star Wars movie, to which Mickey Mouse agrees, as Cartman assures Mickey that the place he hid ballots are will never be found. In the meantime, while sorrowing, Kyle hears over an advertisement, shown to be

Stevenson's Hummer, and the Hummer salesman unsuccessfully attempts to advertise his vehicles. In what is undoubtedly an eureka moment for Kyle, he correctly deduces that Cartman must've hid the ballots there, as that's the only place on Earth no one would ever go to for any reason, and he turns out to be correct, as thousands of ballots are stacked upon each other literally in the parking lot, not even attempted to be hidden. The boys rush into the dealership, although to their surprise, followed by General Tso and his cohorts. Arriving thereafter is Cartman, riding a Tauntaun which he pressured Mickey into giving him, who ushers in the police. As it turns out, it was Cartman's plan all along to manipulate Kyle into thinking that he's trying to hide the ballots, as that fueled Kyle with determination to expose him, which in turn made Tso determined to stop *him*, but all this did was lead him right into Cartman's trap where he will be exposed for voter fraud, and with that Cartman gets his Disney deal. However, in that moment, Kyle decides to step over his previous moral beliefs and actually decides to burn the ballots in front of Cartman's very eyes, ruining his deal. Despite this plan working because Kyle decided to do something wildly unpredictable and shocking for him, this plan is still wildly impressive, with Cartman managing to simultaneously predict and plan around General Tso, Barack Obama, Mickey Mouse and all of his friends' actions while successfully deceiving multiple poll workers into giving him the ballots. It's a multi-layered plan of ridiculously ambitious proportions which only failed because of Kyle's deep-rooted personal hatred towards Cartman.*(Obama Wins! - Season 16 Episode 14)*

Strategy, **Planning**, **Tactics**, **Foresight**, **Thinking**, **Reasoning**, **Observation**, **Manipulation**, **Deception**, **Building up influence**, **Oratory skills**, **Info Gathering**, **Anticipation**, **Prediction**, **Trap Setting**, **Seeing Through People**

- **Mayor Mitch Conner**

Context: Cartman, in his Coon attire, is seen wandering the city, narrating on what has become of it, as he takes off the poster of Scrambles, the missing cat on the street to try to obtain the 100$ reward in finding it. He reads the story about a king who unified two factions at war over the Stick of Truth, and proceeds to activate and enter his time machine which is in his bedroom closet, to head back, in order to save the city, as he just got an idea.

The Strategy/Plan: He travels back to the Kupa Keep during the siege by the Moorish, claiming to have come from the future while showing the poster of Scrambles to those present, who are then alerted to return to the Coon Lair. All

the members of Coon and Friends sit and discuss the Scrambles situation, including the New Kid. Cartman gives New Kid a superhero class while creating a Coonstagram account for him so he can build his influence, as the trademarked “Coon and Friends” franchise can grow. Upon noticing New Kid’s progress, he decides to give him a second superhero class, as he’s under the impression that his superhero character kinda sucks. While that is happening, Coon Lair’s alarm goes off as informed by Human Kite, as there’s an argument going on in Main Street. As Coon and the New Kid head up, they see that Super Craig and his lover Wonder Tweek are having an argument, as they’re in the rivaling factions, with Tweek being in Freedom Pals, led by Doctor Timothy. Timothy in retaliation from seeing the Coon proceeds to telepathically mess with him. All while this is happening, the two factions collide, with Coon being almost completely staggered, but in spite of this, he manages to steal Timothy’s cellphone, which then they have it analyzed. It reveals the message about finding a stripper with a dick tattoo, as Coon assumes that the Freedom Pals think she might be a clue to finding Scrambles. The Coon, together with his Coon and Friends members corner the stripper, whose name is CLASSi. They proceed to take her back to the Coon Lair to interrogate her, but only for a compensation of her prescription. After the deal is met, Coon is notified by Fastpass (Jimmy) that the cats are being held at U-Stor-It. Alongside those news, he also learns that a certain old member wants to meet up with them, Toolshed, who left the Coon and Friends franchise because he thinks Freedom Pals will make more money off their franchise. It’s revealed that alongside him, Doctor Timothy, Mysterion and Tupperware are there to reclaim the stolen phone, which they get after a confrontation. They regroup, as Coon provides a briefing on infiltrating U-Stor-In, which is difficult to access as it’s barricaded by lava, however as the two factions team up, they manage to utilize their combined abilities to pass. Coon appears at the front gates of U-Stor-it alongside his other teammates, but soon after are confronted by Professor Chaos (Butters). He gets taken down, as The Coon starts to detain him and interrogate him. Butters himself has next to zero idea who the mastermind is, but Coon “deduces” that it might be Mitch Conner, a.k.a. Cartman’s hand puppet, to which Kyle reacts with annoyance as he’s aware the character of Mitch Conner is entirely fictional and conjured by Cartman himself. In the meantime, a report that CLASSi has been caught by the police in Coon’s briefing. They go to the police station and confront Sergeant Yates who has had Scrambles with it all this time, and was using its urine to get high off of it. As it turns out, Yates

supported the spike of crime in the city, as he wants the Mayor to take flack for that, and with it, the new mayor will be elected, one Yates already had a deal with, and with that happening, police will be able to go back to their old ways with more control. At the very bottom of the police station, they realize that the entire police department is a part of the cult which worships Shub-Niggurath, who feasts on dark meat, which is why they keep arresting black men. They trick the officers into being eaten by Shub, and as it gets disgusted by white meat, it leaves. With that, the team collectively grabs a hold of Scrambles and saves it. In that moment, as Coon and Friends and Freedom Pals are arguing on who should the 100$ reward go to, Doctor Timothy reveals his masterpiece, a full plan which ties every superhero together for one juggernaut of a franchise where each character gets equal amount of screentime, and with that the teams merge into one, utilizing “Freedom Pals” as their official name, much to Cartman’s initial unsureness of. On the following day, the Coon is then seen together with the rest of the newly unified Freedom Pals, discovering that Doctor Timothy’s franchise plan has been ruined, and also that New Kid’s parents have been held captive by none other than Mitch Conner who sends a threatening video of them. Human Kite instantly takes hold of Cartman, threatening him to tell them where New Kid’s parents are, accusing him of being the perpetrator on the grounds that Coon isn’t happy with their merging. Coon insists he’s innocent as he escapes the base. Team eventually finds him in an empty South Park Community Center, alongside Mitch Conner. He is then subdued by the Freedom Pals and taken back to the base. After being put through a torture session via New Kid’s farts as he eats food which makes his gases smelly, the Coon says due to farts jogging his memory, that he knows Mitch Conner’s intention of raising crime in South Park, confessing that the cats are being sent to the lab to be genetically altered. Freedom Pals make their way to the lab right away, as they then discover that Coon somehow managed to make his way to the lab before them, as Mitch Conner shut down the lab’s security system. They stumble across Coon’s tied up body, apparently being held captive by Mitch Conner, as he reveals he was making deals with Yates all along because he wants to be the mayor of South Park, as with his election, he’ll make it so that every day is Christmas, as he genetically altered the drugs and alcohol in town with the cat urine, brainwashing the townspeople, and that he also made New Kid seek followers and amp his popularity, as he took all the followers from his account to his, giving him an instant boost in the election. With the reveal, Coon successfully escapes alongside Mitch

Conner, although through the power New Kid possesses, Freedom Palls accidently time travel 10 days into the future, which is the day of Mitch Conner's inauguration as city mayor. The New Kid, now mastering his powers a bit more, intentionally travels through time with the unified Freedom Pals to put a stop to Mitch Conner's plan at the very beginning of his crime-fighting spree, moments before he firstly entered the time machine after seeing that Scrambles was missing. This takes Coon aback, but in that instant, Mitch Conner rises from his hand, striking a blow to New Kid's gut, releasing a fart which sends them through time yet again. They eventually end up at the town square, back in the "present timeline", as it's about time for Mitch to be elected. Coon bumps into the unified Freedom Pals group, where events take a strange turn as Mitch Conner proceeds to appear on both Coon's and Human Kite's hand, much to the annoyance of other kids. As they both get taken down, Cartman and Kyle say they'll both prepare to confess together that they were just messing around and that Mitch Conner doesn't actually exist, but Cartman tricks him into only admitting it in front of their friends, as Cartman escapes. Mitch Conner, the one and only, then has made his appearance to be inaugurated as the city mayor, but his cover gets blown by the Freedom Pals, as the public sees that Mitch Conner was "riding" Coon all along. At the end it's revealed that it was all Cartman, who just wanted to become more popular than the rest of his team and the Freedom Pals. He ultimately fails, as he gets stopped, but once again, if it wasn't for New Kid's mastery over time traveling abilities, he would've likely won with his extremely complicated strategy which included time travel whilst simultaneously predicting, manipulating and planning around Coon and Friends, Freedom Pals, New Kid, Professor Chaos and the police department. *(South Park: The Fractured But Whole)*

Strategy, **Planning**, **Tactics**, **Foresight**, **Thinking**, **Reasoning**, **Observation**, **Manipulation**, **Deception**, **Building up influence**, **Oratory skills**, **Info Gathering**, **Anticipation**, **Prediction**, **Adaptability**, **Trap Setting**, **Full Scale IQ**, **Overall knowledge**

- **<u>Foundation Against Time Travel</u>**

  Context: Forty years in the future, the COVID-19 Pandemic seems close to an end. Stan Marsh has moved away from South Park to the city and now works as an online whiskey consultant, as he receives a call from Kyle, informing him that Kenny has died. They meet up in South Park, as Kyle explains that he was in contact with Kenny who was on to who was responsible for recent events. Kenny has informed him that he was making a breakthrough when he died, but Stan

begrudgingly responds to their attempts at conspiracies because it’s time to grow up and move past the shenanigans, as he’s only there for the funeral. Stan later on views a news report on Kenny’s research, and a letter Kenny left behind which said that he was about to expose the truth, and in the event of his death, he has hidden away all relevant information, which his closest friends will know where to find it. Stan decides to help Kyle, but only for Kenny’s sake. At Kenny’s wake, most of the boys’ former fourth-grade class are in attendance, most notably Eric Cartman, who has converted to Judaism and became a rabbi in Colorado Springs, citing the pandemic has changed him, and is married to a Jewish woman named Yentl. He says him and Kenny remained in contact and that Kenny wanted to find the origin of the coronavirus. In spite of all this, Kyle continuously insists that this is all an act, purely made to upset him, even over forty years, but Kyle gets startled even further when he notices Cartman hugging his two children as he leaves. Back at the motel, Stan sees another clip of Kenny, where one of his math equations contains a reference to Tegridy Weed which unsettles him, as he does not want to face his father, who was behind the farm. At the funeral in South Park Church, Scott delivers an eulogy urging churchgoers to reflect and to cherish friends and family, and out of guilt Stan lashes out and asks Kyle if he wrote the speech, and admits that he knows something about Kenny he cannot admit since it relates to his father. Rabbi Cartman takes over the eulogy but is interrupted by a doctor who announces that the cause of Kenny’s death was the COVID Delta Plus Rewards program variant, causing chaos at the townspeople to flee for supplies and masks. Running out of supplies in moments, the military arrives and closes the roads to contain the outbreak, preventing Stan and Cartman from leaving, as there is an individual in the town who is not vaccinated, whom they refuse to name. Tolkien, Clyde, Jimmy, Craig, Tweek and Wendy discuss these events and suspect that Kenny’s Covid diagnosis is a coverup to hide Kenny’s research, pointing out they are all vaccinated. Clyde remarks that he isn’t, as they all annoyingly tell him that there is now forty years of research backing it up. The shelter fills up, forcing Cartman, his wife, and three children to turn to Kyle, hoping to stay at the Broflovski Residence, which Kyle begrudgingly allows for. Meanwhile, Tolkien draws the attention of his friends to the McCormick Science Wing of the school, where they discover a massive secret laboratory splattered in blood and much of his research. They discover that a man named Victor Chaos is mentioned throughout Kenny’s research as a right-hand man, but is not being kept at the South Park Mental Asylum Plus.

At Kyle's house, Tolkien gets a realization that Kenny said they would have to "think like kids" and realizes that the secret is in Kenny's ass. They go to the Hell's Pass Hospital, but everyone is denied from seeing Kenny's remains until Stan arrives and uses his whiskey inspection badge, qualifying as a doctor, to enter the morgue to inspect Kenny. Only Stan, Cartman and Kyle are allowed in, and discover Kenny's corpse naked and infested with rats, Stan eventually recovers a hard drive and take it back to the shelter, which reveals a video of Kenny's attempt at time travel to stop the pandemic, and blames the bad future on his "three dickhead friends" who, after their friendship ended, became combative and pessimistic. As Kenny seems to travel back in time, all of the lab assistants are killed by the machine, and he returns at the video's end. Stan, Kyle and Cartman reflect, remembering how optimistic they were as kids, and how awful the future has turned out, before realizing they would never have given up as kids, and promise to work together and believe no matter what it takes to save Kenny and fix their future. Cartman excuses himself and urges his kids to pack up so they can leave, upset that Kyle is trying to change the future, as his life is actually pretty good now. He agrees with his kids they like the way things are, as they all declare together "fuck Uncle Kyle". *(South Park: Post Covid)* Stan Marsh dreams back to the beginning of the pandemic forty years earlier: at South Park Elementary, when he and Kyle were playing football, and Cartman and Kenny approached them to explain that Heather Williams farted during PE class as they filmed it, and that, using her mother's occupation at the Coors, the second biggest sponsor of the Pepsi Center, they can blackmail her into getting them courtside seats at a Denver Nuggets game. When returning to class, Mrs. Nelson explains that school will be closed for about two weeks because of the pandemic. Back in the future, Wendy explains that all of the transformers in the lab have been blown up since Kenny's attempt, and the codes to operate the machines are behind a firewall that requires an in-person vocal scan by Kenny or Victor. The negative ions from time travel can only be balanced by aluminum foil, which is not available. Tweek and Craig are volunteered to find the foil, while Stan and Kyle take the lead on locating Chaos. They are warned by the Mental Asylum Warden that Chaos is dangerous and he explains that lives have been destroyed by his behavior since he was left grounded in his room for 16 years when his parents never returned home from a movie. They realize it is Butters, who know identifies as "Vic", and tries to help them make money, as he's very experienced on that matter, as he invested in Kenny's wild experiments by lending him capital,

before delivering a sales pitch for non-fungible tokens (NFTs) after being handed a piece of paper. Stan and Kyle are escorted out of the facility, but Victor uses the paper to escape by convincing a guard to make investments in an NFT.

The Strategy/Plan: At the South Park Church, Father Scott Malkinson is praying for guidance through the quarantine when Cartman returns there with his family, desperate to stop time travel and asking Scott to help keep his family safe, promising to stop Kyle. He begins the Foundation Against Time Travel, but only attracts a few followers. While his family hides in the Church attic, Tweek and Craig arrive looking for aluminum foil. Cartman lures them in with an impression before knocking both of them out and hanging them from the ceiling. Cartman approaches Clyde for help, manipulating him by pandering to his refusal to trust the system, assuring him that they have a right to ask questions and be individuals, building solidarity with him in their opposition to science until Clyde reveals others are looking for Vic, who is continuing to cause violence and chaos throughout the town. Cartman eventually finds Vic, while he pitches at Shady Acres and convinces him to do what he can to help and threatens to hurt him if he does not cooperate. Victor, in spite of generally reflecting any threat as of late, still has mental trauma from Cartman's various bullying over his childhood that he gets pressured into working for him. Kyle and Stan stop at Skeeter's Wine Bar Plus, having given up on finding Vic, when they receive a call from Wendy, who mentions that Vic has arrived and has been helping out thanks to Cartman, who asks to speak to Kyle and ignores his warnings about Vic. Cartman just lets Kyle know that he intends on saving his family by speaking Hebrew on the phone, and then authorizes Vic to begin advertising. Kyle hears in horror Cartman's admission of treachery as Stan and him try to get back to the facility as quickly as possible, only to find the equipment missing, and everyone from the lab now having invested in NFTs, as they are convinced they are a good investment. Wendy, after regaining cognitive consciousness, reveals that Kenny was not going back to the beginning of the pandemic, but instead to the first day of vaccine availability, as apparently stopping the pandemic itself was a fixed point in time. Meanwhile at the church, Cartman has successfully reassembled the equipment so that they can send Clyde back in time, justifying that he needs to have Clyde kill Kyle to preserve the timeline, blaming Kyle for the efforts at time travel. As they prepare Clyde for the time travel process, Stan and Kyle arrive. Cartman refuses to let Kyle stop him from going back in time. They engage in a fistfight, as Cartman ends up actually winning for the first time ever,

only for Yentl to stop him as she expresses her disbelief, declaring that she refuses to hide and that seeing him beat up Kyle is not the Cartman she has known and loved for the last eighteen years, who is "thoughtful and kind", explaining that he has changed since seeing his friends again, and urging him to leave things up to chance, explaining that they need to trust in God, and expresses faith God will see his family through the crisis and agrees to support Kyle. Hackelm however, Cartman's youngest child, finds his way to the lever that initiates the sequence, and sends Clyde to the past nonetheless. Future Clyde shows up and returns to his young self's Residence, taking the gun from his dad's closet. At the moment the boys' friendship originally ended, Clyde appears armed with a gun, intending to kill Kyle, when the future Stan, Kyle and Cartman intervene and threaten to vaccinate him, insisting that the plan has changed. Just as Clyde gets away from Kyle's grasp and is about to kill his kid version, Cartman shoots and kills Clyde. Cartman ultimately successfully played all of his friends and manipulated each and every one of them to give himself access to time travel (which he himself rebuilt btw). The only reason this plan didn't succeed is entirely because Cartman had a change of heart. Luckily for Kyle, this was a forty-something year old Cartman who mostly mellowed out. *(South Park: Post Covid: The Return of Covid)*

Strategy, Planning, Tactics, Thinking, Reasoning, Manipulation, Deception, Info Gathering, Adaptability, Trap Setting, Full Scale IQ, Overall knowledge

And with that, you have Eric Cartman's repertoire on his intelligence, knowledge, strategies and deceptions. Now to address one final thing quickly, there are a few feats I decided to leave out for different reasons, as these aren't ALL the examples of Cartman deceiving or plotting etc. as if I did that, I'm pretty sure the document would at least be for about twenty pages longer, but there are varying types of feats which I haven't included, and the reasons are following:

A) **They aren't overly interesting or impressive:** So not every single plan or manipulation by Cartman is super notable or complex, especially when compared to some of his other plans, so it'd just feel redundant to include the lesser ones as well.

   Examples:

   a) Cartman effortlessly turns the townspeople against Harbucks, a national chain of coffee houses which was a competition at a time. *(Gnomes - Season 2 Episode 17)*

b) Cartman successfully organizes a fight between Tweek and Craig by deceiving them into believing they have been disrespectful to one another. *(Tweek vs. Craig - Season 3 Episode 5)*

c) Whilst the town is overwhelmed by the surveillance of military drones, due to the uprising of people using drones to spy on naked women, Cartman flies a drone past them carrying a blow-up sex doll. He leads them only to blow all of them up. *(The Magic Bush - Season 18 Episode 5)*

B) They're very luck-based: There are a good portion of feats which otherwise genuinely *would* be extremely impressive and note-worthy, but I can't reasonably include them as Cartman's intelligence is barely responsible for said feat. Now even in the feats I included, there are instances of Cartman getting lucky (for instance randomly finding a truck filled with aborted fetuses) however that's just Cartman being opportunistic, but he still at the end of the day had to utilize his intelligence to get what he wants.

Examples:

a) Cartman, after he inherits his dead grandmother's money, spends it all on his own private amusement park that only he can drive on. Throughout the episode's progression, he learns that he inevitably has to have some employees there keeping track of anyone who wants to sneak in, whenever a machine breaks etc. and the only way to compensate around that is to allow for a limited amount of people to go into the park a day. This suspension leads what was an amusement park in decline to become wildly successful, as Cartman earns ridiculous amounts of money in return, as he's simultaneously called a business genius by the media. However, in the context of the episode, Cartman doesn't even want to make money from the park and only wants himself to be in it entirely for fun. *(Cartmanland - Season 5 Episode 6)*

b) After being unable to bear waiting for the new Nintendo Wii console to come out, he deliberately freezes himself and orders Butters to unfreeze him two weeks later, but due to the snow rising, Butters ends up being unable to find him, and Cartman is only discovered thousand of years into the future, where religion ceased to exist. As Cartman finds out that the new technology doesn't support the Nintendo consoles, he uses the phone which can contact the people from the past in order to inform various people, ordering them to unfreeze him. It is only after he accidentally spills it out to Richard Dawkins, an atheist who at the time was dating Garrison, that Garrison was a man before the surgery, that he

breaks off with her. Considering that Richard had apparently a great influence in the creation of the atheism faction of the world, and it's only after Mrs. Garrison taught him a thing or two about taking the world by the balls, which causes a butterfly effect where Cartman is now working with a much more civilized government who, through unity, manages to send him back to the past. In retrospect, *if* this feat was actually legitimate, it'd probably be one of the most impressive showings of foresight, maybe of all time, being able to predict the span of history through literal thousand years, however, unfortunately, I can't realistically argue for this as Cartman said this through sheer accident. *(Go God Go - Season 10 Episode 12/Go God Go XII - Season 10 Episode 13)*

To wrap it all up, in conclusion, if I had to pick Cartman's most notable intelligence categories, it'd be: **Strategy**, **Planning**, **Manipulation**, **Deception**, **Oratory skills**, **Building up influence**, **Adaptability**, **Info Gathering**, **Trap Setting**

BUT… As I stated at the very beginning of this document, Cartman is not some perfect genius who doesn't make flaws. In spite of him being extremely cunning and smart when he wants to be… the problem lies that he's ONLY cunning and smart when he wants to be, and similarly to him having his most impressive intelligence categories, I'd like to spend the remaining time talking about his LEAST impressive intelligence categories which constantly come back to bite him in the ass; **EQ** & **SQ**.

Cartman is straight up DOGSHIT when it comes to these categories.

Now when it comes to recognizing other people's emotional stability, their vulnerabilities, psychological profiles etc. he's actually quite, not even competent, but brilliant in, however when it comes to his own emotional control, he fumbles so often, so bad. Hell, even in one of the feats I mentioned for him which ARE genuinely impressive, his Christian Rock album scam which got him over ten million dollars and he gathered an audience safety net, but immediately blew the chance to grow more money after realizing he couldn't win the bet against Kyle anymore. I mean, there is an entire EPISODE dedicated around Cartman going to anger management, he's ridiculously bad when it comes to keeping his anger in check. Although the best example of this lies no further than in:

- **Breast Cancer Show Ever (Season 12 Episode 9):**
  During Wendy Testaburger's presentation on breast cancer awareness, Cartman ridicules the disease while the teacher

does little to stop him. After class, as Wendy is putting up posters to raise breast cancer awareness, Cartman continues to mock the disease, prompting an infuriated Wendy to challenge him to a fistfight after school. As word of the fight quickly spreads through the school, Cartman becomes frightened and reluctant to go through with the fight, afraid of losing to a girl in front of his friends. He tries to call off the fight with a quiet apology and bribery, but Wendy is not convinced by his sincerity, telling him that the only way she won't fight him is if he publicly apologizes to her and admits he was wrong, but Cartman's ego is too big for that. Cartman tries to convince even Wendy's boyfriend to talk her out of it, telling him that she was apparently begging him in private to call off the fight, but Stan doesn't think there's anything he can do to stop her.

Desperate to avoid the fight, Cartman defecates on Mr. Garrison's desk in order to get detention. Butters, Craig and Jimmy tell Cartman there are rumors that he deliberately got detention to avoid the fight, though Cartman refutes this. Relieved, Butters reveals that they rescheduled the fight for the following morning before school, much to Cartman's fear. When Cartman goes home, he plays the victim by having his mother convince Wendy's parents that he is being tormented and bullied by Wendy at school. Wendy's parents forbid her from fighting and she reluctantly acquiesces. Cartman then taunts Wendy further by giving her the middle finger while their parents aren't looking, further enraging her, and due to the severe warnings from her parents, she does not show up for the fight the following morning, as Cartman takes the opportunity to call her names like "chicken", convincing others that she is a coward.

Wendy, now fully given up and convinced that Cartman has successfully beaten her, stares in shock as Cartman gives a presentation about breast cancer in school, ridiculing Wendy's prior efforts. Wendy stares, being completely dumbfounded at how, in spite of her beating her, he still doesn't want to stop. Wendy, losing her temper, gets called to Principal Victoria's office. After Wendy assures her that there will be no fight between her and Cartman, Principal Victoria commends Wendy for all she has done to spread awareness of breast cancer, and reveals that she is a breast cancer survivor herself, to Wendy's astonishment. Principal Victoria then proceeds to talk about cancer, using underlying subtext, and refers to Cartman as a cancer that is "pure evil" and a "fat little lump that needs to be destroyed". She tells Wendy that she needs to be willing to give up everything because "cancer takes everything". Wendy understands, as she meets Cartman on the playground to fight.

Cartman tries to whisper to her that he will tell on her, but Wendy completely looks past that and proceeds to beat him up in front of everyone.
In conclusion, if only Cartman shut up and eased on his own prodding and arrogant display of his own victory, he would've ultimately won, but he HAD to push further.

Onto his SQ though, the most obvious part lies in the fact that he consistently shows ignorance of other cultures, being too blinded by his own bigotry to see them as anything other than plotting schemers trying to take over the world, most notably with Jews, Asians and black people. Funnily enough, in the episode I just used to show Cartman's inability to control his own emotional outbursts, he also shows his complete social delusion, where after he gets beaten up by Wendy in front of everyone, cries as he believes his reputation was just tarnished, only for the rest of the boys to tell him that they never thought he was cool to begin with and that their opinion of him couldn't possibly sink lower. Cartman somehow interprets this as them thinking he's so cool, nothing could ever change that, as he leaves joyful. Although, arguably the best example of Cartman's complete disconnect from the world and his inability to read social cues comes from the classic episode:

- **<u>The Death of Eric Cartman (Season 9 Episode 6):</u>**
  As the boys are waiting at Stan's house for Stan's mom to come home with KFC for dinner, when she arrives, she tells the boys that they first need to help her unload her groceries, but Cartman remains behind, as he quickly eats all the chicken skin, and goes home to sit on the toilet and read comic books. Enraged, Stan, Kyle and Kenny decide Cartman has finally crossed the line and start to ignore him. The other kids in their class go along. Cartman, unable to conceive that anyone would ignore him, thinks he has died and become a ghost. To further add to his own delusion, Cartman's mother has a new toilet installed after Cartman destroyed it with his chicken skin defecations. Cartman goes home and mistakenly believes that the toilet is his body when he sees a box being carried out of the house by plumbers. He also hears his mother cry, and believes that she is crying over his death. However, she is actually having sex with one of the other plumbers.

And with that, this document is finally over. If you got to this point legitimately and not just through scrolling past all the text to see how big the document is, I appreciate you for sticking through it all.

With that, in spite of his numerous emotional outbursts, inability to take a social cue, and just general lack of common sense at times due to him being a toddler, I’m still of the opinion that Cartman is EASILY one of the smartest cartoon characters of all time, at least when it comes to strategy, planning and manipulation. Cartoon characters who are meant to be smart tend to focus on Full Scale IQ and general scientific knowledge more often than not, similarly to Rick Sanchez, Stewie Griffin etc. but in terms of sheer planning potential, outsmarting and deceiving, Cartman remains the most impressive I’ve personally seen.

Albeit, I’m definitely biased, as I love the show and Cartman is one of my favorite fictional characters.