Genius Hour



Students will have an entire class period to study someone or something from the unit that they are interested in. Then they will create a unique way to present their knowledge on the person or thing they chose to study. Students must use all of the class period studying and/or working on this project. Any work done outside of class must be a supplement to the work done in class. For example: students can’t do it all at home then sit in class and do nothing. Also, any extra supplies a student feels is necessary for the project must be brought to class. If the desired supplies are not in class on this day then another project will be assigned by the teacher.

Below is a list of many possible ideas that students can use for their genius hour project. Any ideas not on this list must be approved by the teacher.

1. Create a poster
2. Make a PowerPoint presentation
3. Design a model
4. Make a shoebox diorama
5. Use a 3-panel display board
6. Make a timeline
7. Create a board game incorporating key elements.
8. Write a poem
9. Write and perform a skit
10. Make a TV or radio commercial
11. Make a collage
12. Create a test about the topic
13. Make a word search
14. Make a crossword puzzle
15. Write a report
16. Create a flow chart or diagram
17. Write an interview of a relevant person
18. Create questions and an answer key
19. Write journal/diary entries
20. Write a postcard or letter exchange
21. Create a scrapbook
22. Create a photo album
23. Make an instructional video
24. Give a presentation
25. Create an interactive notebook
26. Create a set of task cards
27. Make a pamphlet or brochure
28. Write a newspaper article
29. Perform a puppet show
30. Have a panel discussion of “experts”
31. Compose a rap or other song
32. Use a Venn diagram to compare two aspects of the topic
33. Design a comic strip about the topic
34. Create a children’s story about the topic
35. Create a map
36. Write a fable or myth about the topic
37. Create a help wanted add and a letter/resume to answer it
38. Write a text message dialogue relevant to the topic
39. Write a series of tweets relevant to the topic
40. Create a Facebook wall relative to the topic
41. Create a Pinterest board relative to the topic
42. Start a blog
43. Decorate a box and fill with relevant objects
44. Create a foldable
45. Create a flip book
46. Create a cereal based on the topic (cover a cereal box)
47. Assemble a time capsule
48. Create several bookmarks about different aspects of the topic
49. Write a recipe relevant to the topic (good for showing causes of an event)
50. Do a newscast
51. Write an acrostic poem
52. Create an Internet scavenger hunt
53. Write an advice column with several problems related to the topic
54. Create flash cards or trivia cards
55. Create a cheer relevant to the topic
56. Make a short documentary film
57. Create a museum exhibit
58. Create a top 10 list relevant to the topic
59. Create a video game
60. Make a “Choose Your Own Adventure”
61. Create a mini book with one fact/idea per page
62. Create a glossary of relevant terms
63. Make a paper chain with a different fact for each link
64. Make a flower with a different fact for each petal
65. Write a handbook or instruction book
66. Create a newsletter