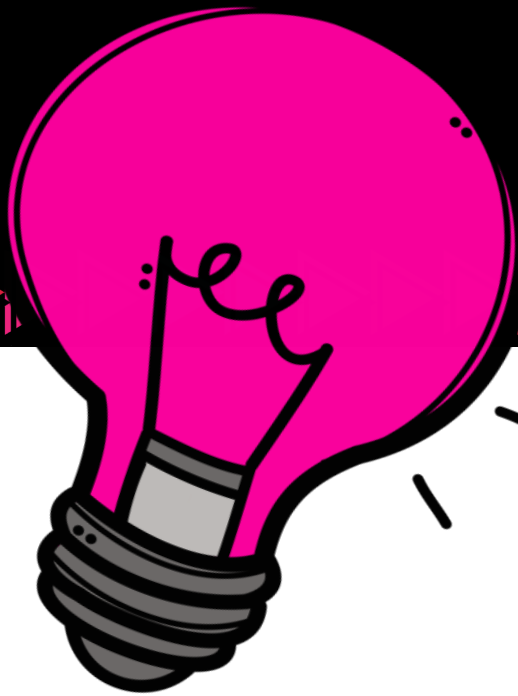
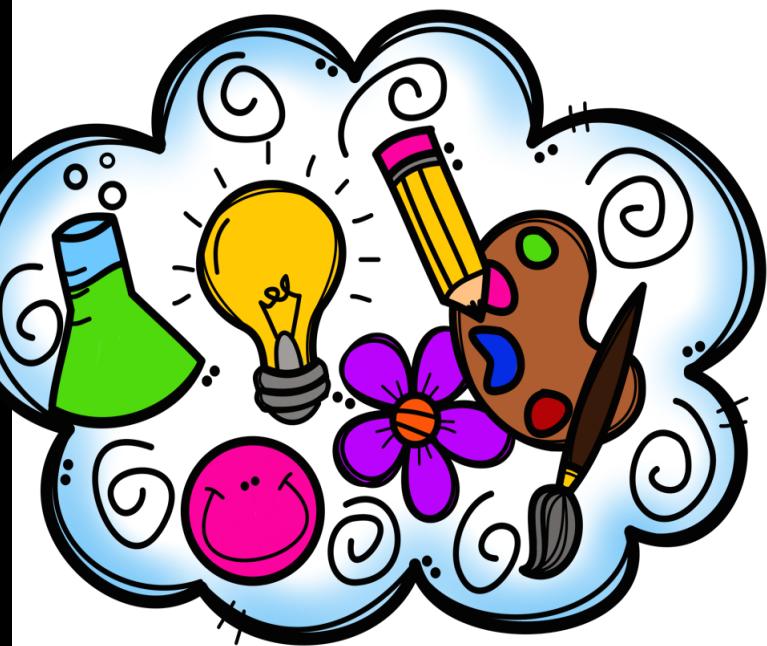


genius HOUR



*A Guide to Get
Your Students
Started*



Kayla Bloomstrand
ABCs with Mrs. B

GENIUS HOUR

Genius Hour is a great way for students to research topics of their own interests! They will have to practice reading, writing, listening and speaking skills while creating their project.

Here is a guide to set up your Genius Hour! You can choose to start this way or use the resources any way you would like!

Genius Hour Packet Includes:

- Genius Hour Parent Info: Send this home with students if you want to inform parents of the project.
- Genius Hour Steps: Use this as your guide.
- Genius Hour Booklet: You can use as a booklet or use the pages individually.
 - What Kind of Genius Are You?: Describe likes and dislikes.
 - What Makes You a Genius?: Describe interests.
 - Narrow It Down: Students brainstorm 3 topics.
 - Genius Hour Proposal: Students propose their project.
 - Daily Reflection: Copy enough pages for how long your projects will last. Students can reflect on their project daily using these pages.
 - Research: Students will take notes from their research and the knowledge they have acquired.
 - What's Your Opinion?: Students will write an opinion piece about Genius Hour.
 - Genius Hour Reflection: Students will wrap up their project with reflection.

*Literacy for Big Kids has a great FREE rubric on TpT!

GENIUS HOUR

Parent Info

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are so excited to get started on our Genius Hour projects! Genius Hour is a great way for students to research topics on their own! They have freedom to decide what they want to know more about. During this research, students will have to practice reading, writing, listening and speaking skills while creating their project. The students will be investigating their own interests while practicing the skills taught to them throughout the school year.

A part of the project includes presenting the knowledge they have acquired. This means students may have to create or build something depending on their topic. Because of this, we may need a few items from home. Here are the items that _____ needs for his/her project:

----- . The project will be completed at school.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call and ask!

Sincerely,

GENIUS HOUR STEPS

1	<p>Introduction to Genius Hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain Genius Hour to students. I have 2 blog posts about it over at ABCs with Mrs. B with multiple examples: abcwithmrsb.blogspot.com• Show examples (tons of ideas on my blog and online).
2	<p>Start Genius Hour Booklet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What Kind of Genius Are You?: Get students to think about themselves and who they are.• What Makes You a Genius?: Students will think of themselves as researchers.
3	<p>Genius Hour Booklet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Narrow It Down: Give students the opportunity to brainstorm 3 ideas.• Genius Hour Proposal: Students will choose a topic and write up a proposal.
4	<p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the research pages to record notes.• Fill out the Daily Reflection sheets to keep track of student learning.
5	<p>Complete the Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This step may take a few days and items may be needed. Send home the parent info page if the student needs items from home in order to complete.
6	<p>Present the Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students can choose how to present: PowerPoint, speak, write a report, etc. Give students the opportunity to show off their knowledge and hard work.
7	<p>Reflect on Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Opinion Writing Piece• Fill out Genius Hour Reflection

MY
GENIUS

HOUR

PROJECT

by: _____

Name: _____

WHAT KIND OF GENIUS ARE YOU?



LIKES

DISLIKES

Name: _____

WHAT MAKES YOU A GENIUS?



I am good at...

A large, empty rounded rectangular box for writing.

I would like to try...

A large, empty rounded rectangular box for writing.

Name: _____

Narrow It Down

Choose 3 brainstorming ideas that you might use for your Genius Hour project.

Idea #1: _____

What's the project?

What materials might you need?

What sources will guide your project?

Is it affordable to create?

Idea #2: _____

What's the project?	
What materials might you need?	What sources will guide your project?
	Is it affordable to create?

Idea #3: _____

What's the project?	
What materials might you need?	What sources will guide your project?
	Is it affordable to create?

Name: _____

GENIUS HOUR PROPOSAL



Describe your **project**.

Materials Needed:

<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
-------------------------------	-------------------------------

Describe your **plan**. How will you complete this?

What is my **next step**?

Name: _____

Daily Reflection

Date	What I Learned Today	My Plan for Next Genius Hour

Date	What I Learned Today	My Plan for Next Genius Hour

Name: _____

research

DATE: _____ TOPIC: _____

DATE: _____ TOPIC: _____

DATE: _____ TOPIC: _____

Name: _____

WHAT'S YOUR Opinion?

Do you think Genius Hour is a good idea? Use this planning page to state your opinion and add supporting reasons.

INTRODUCTION

REASON 1

DETAILS

REASON 2

DETAILS

Name: _____

REASON 3

DETAILS

REASON 4

DETAILS

CONCLUSION

Name: _____

genius HOUR Reflection

What new information did you learn during your Genius Hour project?

What struggles did you encounter while completing your project?

Name: _____

What would you change about your Genius Hour project?

Did you enjoy working on your Genius Hour project?
Why or why not?

Thank you so much for downloading this product! I hope you find it useful! If you have any questions or requests, please email me at:

[krebloomstrand@gmail.com](mailto:krbloomstrand@gmail.com)

©Kayla Bloomstrand

CONNECT WITH ME!

BLOG: ABCswithMrsB.com

TPT: www.teacherspayteachers.com/store/abc-with-mrs-b

INSTAGRAM: www.instagram.com/abcswithmrsb/

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/abcswithmrsb/

TWITTER: www.twitter.com/abcswithmrsb

PINTEREST: www.pinterest.com/abcswithmrsb/

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

