

Genius Hour

Unlock your inner genius!

What is Genius Hour?

Genius Hour is class time set aside each week for you to work on a project that you are passionate about.

What do you mean, something
I'm "passionate" about?

For example...

**My favorite wild animal is
the Giant Panda. I am
concerned that they are an
endangered species. I could
do a project on pandas.**



What kind of project?

For my panda project...

**I want to create a
multimedia presentation
about pandas and the
threats they face in the
wild.**



How does Genius Hour work?

You will start by brainstorming lists of things you are good at, excited about, or want more information on.



Then what?

For my panda project...

I want to answer the questions -

What threats do Giant Pandas
face in the wild?

What is being done to protect
them?



How do I find the answer to my question?

For my panda project...

I will check websites such as the World Wildlife Federation. I also have a ZooBook magazine and some non-fiction books about pandas I can read. I would like to try to email a panda expert to ask questions.



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Is there anything else I need to know?

Yes.

At the end of every
Genius Hour session,
I expect you to share
something that you have
learned or worked on.



Is there anything else I need to know?



For my panda project...
I will show my presentation
to all the **Year 6** classes
and host a question and
answer session about Giant
Pandas.

So... why is it called Genius Hour?

Thomas Edison said it best...

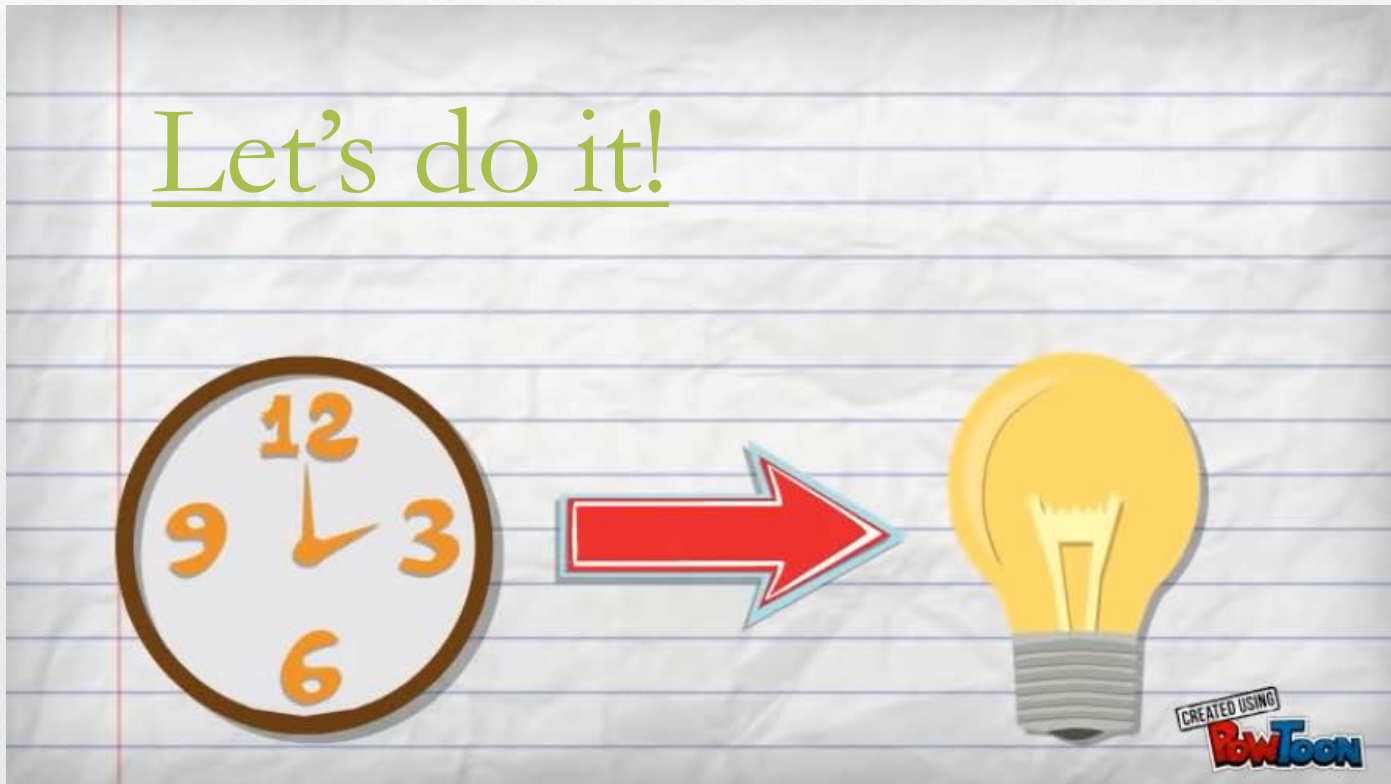
“Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.”

Genius needs time and hard work to be realised. Your amazing ideas are only just ideas unless you take them out and interact with them.



Genius Hour gives you time each week to discover your inner genius!

Let's do it!



Tasks

- Brainstorm a list of all the things you are good at, excited about, or want more information on
- Amend your list
- Put it in order, starting with your favourite idea
- What might you create from your favourite idea?



Turning your **idea** into a **topic**

Now you need to develop your idea into a research topic:

- **What are you going to learn?**
- **What you are going to create** at the end to demonstrate your learning?

Use the **Action Plan** sheet to help you.



Genius Hour Action Plan

