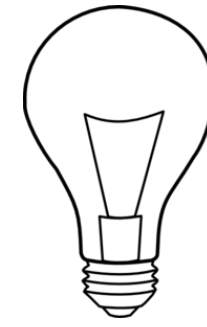




# genius Time



What are you **PASSIONATE** about?

## Class 1: Generating Ideas

What are some of your current loves? Likes?

How do you like to spend your time when you're not in school?

If you could read/learn about anything in the world, what would it be? What do you wonder about?

- Now ... how could you turn that passion into a project and show the world that you're a GENIUS???
- Use the back of this sheet to brainstorm ideas for a project you could complete and share with the class.
- You will be given this whole week to work on your project (be sure to bring your thinking cap), but you may also work on it at home.
- You are welcome to use any materials you find at school, but you may also need to collect some of your own materials to finish the project.
- Projects **MUST** have a research component (you have to do research to learn about / generate ideas for your project).
- You can build something, design something, make something, write something, collect something ... it's all up to you.

**To be completed before tomorrow:**

**Narrow down your ideas to two different passion projects (to get teacher approval for your final project)**

**Discuss this project and your ideas with your family.**

**“You can't spell Genius without US!”**

## Looking for a **Genius Time** Project idea? Here are a few options:

1. Write a short story/opening chapter of a novel.
2. Create a blog on a topic that interests you. Post at least five entries.
3. Learn a new song and perform it before an audience. Maybe post it on YouTube, too.
4. Create a graphic novel/comic book based on a famous short story.
5. Create a stop-motion animation video based on a famous short story.
6. Write a stand-up comedy routine and perform it before an audience. Maybe post it on YouTube, too.
7. Create an interactive tour of 10 colleges that you're interested in learning more about. (A Prezi, perhaps?)
8. Research and write a magazine-style feature article on an interesting local person or event.
9. Learn to design and write a resume. Make one for yourself. Then, make one for an adult in your life.
10. Rewrite/redesign a menu for a locally owned restaurant.
11. Make an interactive map of the birth place and bio. info. of every person in this class. (A Prezi, perhaps?)
12. With permission, revamp a teacher's tired PowerPoint lecture materials and gift him/her with the fresh materials.
13. Create an illustrated children's book.
14. Plan, promote, and host a (balloon twisting/Bhangra dance/volleyball/computer coding/etc.) event for kids.
15. Research a local issue of importance to you and speak on the issue at a school board or city council meeting.
16. Write a collection of poems and enter at least two writing contests.
17. Research a famous person of interest and perform a first-person biographical sketch, including a Q&A session.
18. Create a Common Core-style writing task to be used with next year's students. (See me for a model of this.)
19. Create a how-to video on a topic of interest to you (how to French braid/how to set up a saltwater fishtank/etc.)
20. Start a small business.
21. Recreate five Pinterest-inspired items and report your results on a blog.
22. Create a short promotional video for our school and post to YouTube.
23. Make and send care packages to a worthy group of your choice (overseas soldiers/hospitalized children/etc.)
24. Memorize and perform a famous speech or monologue.
25. Write a one-act play.
26. Make a video to help beginning musicians learn to play a song on an instrument of your choice.
27. Try to break a record from the Guinness Book of World Records and document the process on a blog.
28. Take a five-day vow of silence and document your observations/findings.
29. Read and post reviews of the California Young Reader Medal (Young Adult) winners for the past five years.
30. Create a music video for your favorite song and post it online.
31. Study on effectiveness of Accutane (acne treatment) with personal video log and interviews with patients and a dermatologist
32. Create own comic book featuring lemurs in a post-apocalyptic world
33. Write a serial novel/Indiana Jones fan-fiction
  34. Learn to crochet and document the steps on a YouTube "How To" series
  35. Learn basics of Latin language roots
  36. Film a short movie parody
  37. Create a photography blog on different uses of perspective
  38. Promote and host a book club for students (They read Marie Lu's *Legend*)

39. Experience different disabilities (blindness, deafness, immobility, etc.) and create a video series documenting the process/lessons learned
40. Research Salvador Dali and create original works inspired by his style
41. Launch “Humans of Amador Valley” Instagram photography channel
42. Perform a trombone solo and film a tutorial video for kids
43. Write a biography of a recently deceased grandfather based on family interviews
44. Create a lacrosse blog and YouTube channel showing different stick moves
45. Choreograph a ballet, write a program with dancer biographies, and document the rehearsal/performance process
46. Choose a Pinterest craft each week to make and post results on a blog
47. Make a “Do You Believe in Aliens?” YouTube channel
48. Write articles and design an original fashion magazine using Adobe InDesign software
49. Build an app game to help students learn their vocabulary words
50. Create illustrations of all of the planets and write poems to accompany each piece of art; post the entire project in an online gallery
51. Launch a teen tutoring volunteer service to help low-income elementary students
52. Create a family recipe book with a vignette detailing a happy memory connected to each recipe; book will be given as Christmas gifts
53. Film a short documentary on finance for teens, focusing on how to avoid college debt
54. Write a short story based on the Biblical story of Esther
55. Host free dance classes for children with special needs held on Saturday mornings at a local dance studio
56. Create a YouTube channel showing how to make different polymer clay animals and charms
57. Launch a small business performing for children’s parties as storybook characters; all proceeds donated to our local childrens’ hospital
58. Write, perform, and film a rap music video
59. Create a solar panel phone charger and design packaging and advertising materials
60. Write an article for the city newspaper advocating bicycle-friendly roadways
61. Research spoken word poets; write and perform own original spoken word piece
62. Create a stop-motion, hand-illustrated video on the harmful effects of pollution
63. Turn a chapter of a book into a movie script
64. Write a cookbook for kids with food allergies
65. Create a video game based on characters from Greek mythology
66. Build a blog explaining weekly NASA satellite findings to a teen audience
67. Raise money to buy soccer balls for kids in Guatemala
68. Write and record a weekly podcast on bioethical issues
69. Build games to help a 3-year-old child develop communication skills
70. Collect eyeglasses to send to a hospital in India
71. Compose, perform, and record 10 original songs for an album to be posted on iTunes
72. Create a YouTube channel that demonstrates proper form of 25 wrestling moves
73. Use Prezi to create an interactive tour of the Univ. of California, Berkeley campus
74. Design and sew a dress; document the efforts in a YouTube video and model the final product
75. Create cartoon sketches for all of our fall semester vocabulary words; post as a study tool for future classes
76. Interview/photograph all 33 classmates and create an interactive class yearbook
77. Watch 12 classic films (two per decade from the 1940s to 1990s) and blog to a teen audience about each film’s importance/influence.