What’s the Big Hoopla Over Personalized Learning?

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Names - Call it what you will

Agenda
- Joy’s motivation to start
- What, Why, Ways

WHAT
What teachers say - Padlet
Six Principles of Genius Hour

WHY
- Angela Maiers - Passion-Driven Classroom
- George Couros - Innovator’s Mindset
- Seth Godin - Compliance

Some Projects
- Lew Hubbard Tribute - Joy’s favorite from a high school in a neighboring district
- LiveBinder - “What Young Minds Can Do” tab

WAYS
Invest the Time
- Make it a dedicated time during your week, month, or semester.

Ways to Begin
- Bulletin Board
- Classroom Habitudes
- Expert Wall of Fame
- Heartbreak Mapping
- Dot Day
- Cardboard Challenge - Joy’s Class - How it applies to ELA
- Paper Blogging
- Identity Homework
- Wonderopolis

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Assisting Students in Choosing Topics
Passion, Creation, Research...
8th Grade SS Class

Modern Learning Cycle

Simplified Process
1. What will you learn or create?
2. How will you learn or create it?
3. How will you show me (and the world) what you’re learning?
4. How will you use your talent and learning to make a difference in the world?

Helping Students Plan
The Big Picture
KWHLAQ Processes shared by different teachers

Connecting to Experts / Mentors
Parents/Relatives
Twitter
nepris
Thrively

Student Sharing
Global Genius Hour Project

Reflections
Exit Slips, Written Reflections, etc...
40 Reflection Questions
Discipline-Based Inquiry Rubrics
Marzano Effort & Achievement Rubric
Exit Slips (Google Doc)
Independent Inquiry Reflection Form (Exit Slip Google Form)
Keep, Grow, Change (Exit Slip)
Productivity Rubric
Project Habits Rubric (Google Doc)

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Purpose Driven Learning Rubric - must be downloaded
Session Log (Google Doc)

Further Steps
Get community involved - What's your impact?
Choose2Matter ("WOW content" - worthy of the world)
Sharing with the world...

Hints
Be proactive & transparent with parents.
Share this tech document with students.
Resistant Students - It's not (?) for everyone.
1:1 Conferences are a MUST.
Two-week goals are helpful.
Other Teachers’ FULL Plans: #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
Joy’s Full Plans (in constant flux)
Do your OWN project, and do what you are asking of the students.
Follow the hashtag. #geniushour #20time #personalizedlearning #passionprojects

More Resources
Decisions to make before you begin...
The LiveBinder
Social Skills Needed for Effective Group Work
Connect by joining the #geniushour chat - Information on the Genius Hour Wiki
Read Professional Literature to further fuel your fire
More of Joy’s ramblings…

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Want more information? I’m facilitating a FOUR HOUR workshop in Boston in July!
See here for more details:
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