Are you a Genius?

What is Genius Hour and Project Based Learning?

Genius Hour
Genius Hour is a movement that allows students to explore their own interests and encourages creativity in the classroom. It provides students a choice in what they learn during a set period of time during school. This includes the term "Personal Interest Projects" (P.I.P)

Project Based Learning
Project-based learning is a dynamic approach to teaching in which students explore real-world problems and challenges. With this type of active and engaged learning, students are inspired to obtain a deeper knowledge of the subjects they’re studying.

Purpose
The Purpose of all project based learning is to engage students so that they become passionate about learning. Skills and knowledge are developed through the context of the project as they explore. The idea is to foster “Life-long Learning”, where curiosity, creativity and working collaboratively are fostered.

Origins
- Google- allowed their employees time to work on their own projects.
- “Drive” by Daniel Pink
- Real life examples- what happens in the work-place.
- Response to technology and research in Education.

More Information
- Edutopia- http://www.edutopia.org/project-based-learning
- Buck Institute- http://bie.org/
- Genius Hour- http://www.geniushour.com/

“I have no special talent, I am only passionately curious”
Albert Einstein
The Process

Phase 1
• What am I interested in?
• Driving Question

Phase 2
• Research

Phase 3
• Create & Make using Inquiry
• Feedback and Revision

Phase 4
• Presenting the Product