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**Summarize the purpose of your Genius Hour project in 140 characters.**

I designed my genius hour project was dorm room DIY’s. I chose this because next year the senior class will be going off to college. Next year will be a new beginning for the senior class. Most of the seniors will be going off to college in different cities and for some, new states. No matter how ready most of the senior class thinks they are, college is going to be a wakeup call for many of us. I know when I leave I will be home sick and I know many people who feel the same way I do. This was the inspiration behind my project, I want to help people make their dorm room feel like home and hopefully make them feel more comfortable in a new environment.

**Explain the process of your Genius Hour project. Be reflective. Be contemplative. Explain and describe your journey. (No Less Than Three FULL Paragraphs.)**

My journey began with little to no enthusiasm toward my project. I started it out with little ambition and used it as a way to fill up my time in class. The first few weeks I accomplished little to improve upon my project. About half way through I realized how many people would actually benefit from my project. This realization was the turning point for my project.

 When I discovered the need for my project I began searching for useful ideas that could organize and decorate a dorm room. I ran into quite a few ideas such as: mason jar organizers, magnetic makeup, coffee cup organizer and photo banners, all of which I thought would bring a little light to a dorm room. After finding the projects I wanted to complete, I had to come up with a way to spread awareness about my project. After some brainstorming I decided using fliers would be the best way to get my project out to the community who needed it.

 The last step for my genius hour project was finding a place to put the fliers I had made. First place I put my fliers was on my website but I knew I needed more leverage to bring my projects to its full potential. I decided to give some fliers out to my friends, who I knew would use the information. I also put the fliers in Sweet Repeats and Logosportswear. I picked these places because Sweet Repeats is a consignment shop. Many customers that go to this store look for cheap easy ways to make their houses decorative. Although this does not give the information out to people living in dorms it gets the information to people who will still use the projects around their own home. Many young people, looking for college clothing, go to Logosportswear. This would be another place many people would see the information and find it useful.

**The intention For Genius Hour is NOT only to learn, but ALSO to share your knowledge with others who can and will benefit from your learning. How did you share your learning? What do you hope the result might be? (No Less Than Two Full Paragraphs.)**

When beginning my Genius Hour project I knew I had a large audience to work with but I had no idea how I was going to get my information out to the people who may find it useful. I decided to make fliers. On the fliers I put a few examples of the projects I created, along with my weebly page link. I put the fliers in a few local stores such as sweet repeats and Logosportswear. I thought these stores would help get my information to people that needed it most efficiently. I also gave fliers out to a few friends who will be attending college next year.

 At times I doubted the effectiveness of my project but when I stopped and thought about it, I felt I had brought my projects to their full potential. I believe the people who will find my project useful have and will discover my efforts to expand my ideas. I hope people who discover my projects will be able to find cheap ways to make themselves feel like they are at home while away at college. As most of us know dorm rooms can be drowsy and dull but hopefully by creating some easy DIY dorm projects that will change.

**If you could do anything different with your Genius Hour project what would you do differently and why? (No less than two full paragraphs.)**

I think my genius hour project ended successfully but there are some things I would change if I were to start my project over. One thing I would have changed about it is the type of DIY projects I decided to do. I decided to focus my project on dorm room DIY’s but I wish I would have broadened the area of people I could have reached out to.

 My targeted group was college students. Although there is a large group of college students, I wish I would have made my targeted group larger. If I was to go back I would have made my project home DIY’s this way my projects would be made for people who are buying new homes, want to update a new home, and college students. It would have been easier to get my information out to the public and more people would find my information useful.

**Reflect on what you did well during this Genius Hour process? Note your successes and accomplishments. (No less than two full paragraphs.)**

I had several accomplishments in my genius hour project. Although I struggled with getting into my project I learned to love what I was doing. While doing my project I created many items that I will use in my dorm room next year. I get home sick easily and I know having a more comfortable room will help me adjust to my new environment. I am proud of the projects I created.

 One thing that worried me about my projects was having them not turn out the way I had intended them to. I had to create my hanging pom poms twice because of some cutting errors but the second time around they turned out great! This was another accomplishment I had achieved. All of my projects turned out the way I had hoped. Many of us have heard about the Pinterest let down and I thought it was bound to happen but thankfully each of my projects are dorm room worthy.

**Include any videos, pictures, presentations, or artifacts that will document your journey.**