

THE 20% Project

- Work on anything that fascinates, intrigues, inspires or drives you.
- Complete weekly blog posts that update your progress.
- 20% Day will be every Monday.
- Start with a question; end with a product.
- Present your project in a Ted style talk in late May.
- I will not grade your “project.”



The Fine Print

- ✓ 20% Day will be every Monday. You will have the entire class period to work on your project. You may NOT do other work during this time. Please feel free to bring headphones, iPads, phones, laptops, or whatever other devices you need to enhance your working time.
- ✓ Blog posts. Each post must be at least 150 words and include an image. I recommend that you set up an account at www.blogger.com. It's easy to use. You must set up your account by Friday, January 30, 2015. Be sure to send me your link as soon as possible. For groups, each group member must maintain an individual blog. If, however, you have a better idea, make me a pitch. I love ideas!
- ✓ Grading. I will not evaluate the quality of your final product. I will, however, evaluate your steps along the way, your adherence to deadlines, your final presentation, and your overall performance. This project is worth 250 points.
- ✓ Due date: the last week of May. I need to work in some wiggle room because of our presentations.
- ✓ Begin with a research question as outlined in your earlier homework assignment. What do you want to learn, do, or create?
- ✓ Create an annotated bibliography of all sources. Don't panic. We'll talk about this requirement in class.
- ✓ Set a goal. What do you hope to get out of this project? What is your purpose?
- ✓ I will give you additional instructions and assignments throughout the duration of the project.
- ✓ If at any point you feel stressed, uninspired, confused, or overwhelmed, make arrangements to meet with me immediately.
- ✓ Take risks. Don't be afraid to mess up. You can even mess up a lot. This project isn't about perfection; it's about learning.
- ✓ I encourage you to find an adult mentor to help you with your project. By mentor, I mean somebody that you can talk to and learn from. I don't want

you to find somebody who is going to do your work for you. That would be a waste of your time.

- ✓ Embrace this opportunity.