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- Create presentations to teach their fellow students in creative ways; and
- Present their finished product for a final assessment.

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Review

"In their innovative book, Denise and Gallit have created a must-read for any educator who has been wondering how to foster creativity and increase student engagement within the classroom. With its easy-to-follow ideas and inspirational stories, this book will give you all of the steps you need to implement Genius Hour right away, starting you on the path to creating schools that students cannot wait to come to." **--Pernille Ripp, Teacher and Author of *Passionate Learners: How to Engage and Empower Your Students***

"Krebs and Zvi provide a step-by-step guide to Genius Hour that will give students the quality, self-determined learning time they deserve." **--Jerry Blumengarten, Twitterbrarian, @cybraryman1, Former New York City Teacher, and Co-author of *Connecting Your Students with the World***

"The concept of Genius Hour ? a portion of time that students can use independently for their own projects and passions ? has taken the world of education by storm. *The Genius Hour Guidebook* is full of practical suggestions for helping you and your students get the most out of this precious hour of autonomy. If you take the authors' advice, you'll be amazed at the change in your classroom." **--Daniel H. Pink, author of *Drive and A Whole New Mind***

"Many educators are asked to think outside the box, but this book describes how to innovate inside of it. The ideas behind Genius Hour shared in this book help to create innovative learning environments in all areas of the classroom. We all start somewhere, and this book helps you to push your students to unleash their passions. More importantly, it helps to develop students as learners long after their time in school." **--George Couros, internationally recognized thought leader and a Division Principal of Innovative Teaching and Learning in Alberta, Canada**

"*The Genius Hour Guidebook* is a must-have manual for the 21st-century educator. Want to improve student engagement? Need more STEM in your classroom? Don't have time to waste? This book makes Genius Hour something any school can implement successfully." **--Vicki Davis, @coolcatteacher, Blogger, Host of the Every Classroom Matters Show, and Author of *Reinventing Writing* (2014)**

"Genius Hour is one of those ideas that not only inspires students but also reignites teachers who are passionate about learning but for a variety of reasons have lost some of that spark. What Gallit and Denise do so well is simply share their story, not as researchers or experts but as teachers who saw a need and took advantage of an innovative idea to change how students learn. This book provides detailed procedures and insights to get you started on your own journey. The best part, the part that wasn't possible in the past, is you get to stay connected and learn from them beyond the reading of this book. If you've heard of Genius Hour or have been thinking about it, you've come to the right place. **--Dean Shareski, Community Manager, Discovery Education Canada and Former Classroom Teacher and Technology Consultant**

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Denise Krebs (@mrsdkrebs) and **Gallit Zvi** (@gallit_z) are co-moderators of the Twitter chat group #geniushour. Denise works in Bahrain, teaching English to kindergarten students in a bilingual Arabic-English school. Gallit is a Faculty Associate in Professional Development Programs at Simon Fraser

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