



FAMILY PASSION PROJECTS

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**A FAMILY PASSION PROJECT IS
AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE A
PASSION AND PURPOSE
TOGETHER, AS A FAMILY,
WHILE MAKING AN IMPACT ON
THE WORLD AROUND YOU.**



UNDERSTANDING GIFTED LEARNERS

Before we can understand why passion projects are important, we need to take the time to understand how gifted learners often feel and consider what they often experience.

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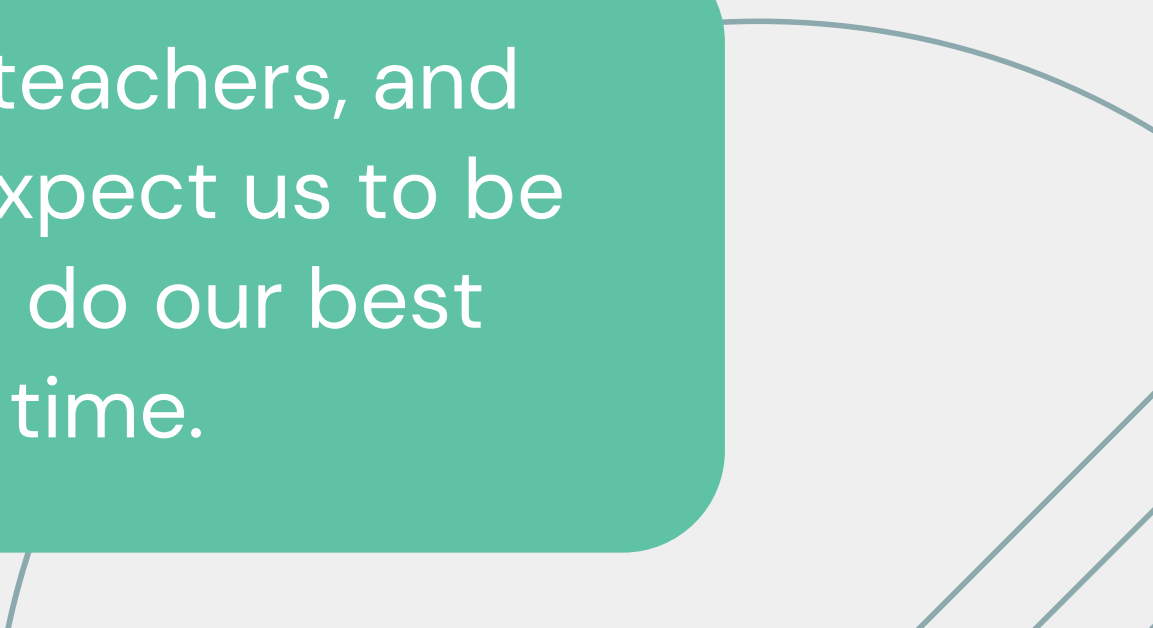
We feel overwhelmed by the number of things we can do in life.

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We worry a lot about world problems and feel helpless to do anything about them.

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Parents, teachers, and friends expect us to be "perfect", do our best all of the time.



FAMILY PASSION PROJECT BENEFITS

**FAMILIES ARE GIVEN AUTHENTIC OPPORTUNITIES TO
HAVE OPEN AND IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS.**

**FAMILIES MAKE AN IMPACT ON THEIR COMMUNITY
OR THE WORLD BY WORKING TOGETHER.**

**FAMILIES SPEND TIME TOGETHER SOLVING A
PROBLEM RATHER THAN SPENDING TIME ON
INDIVIDUAL DEVICES.**

01 - BIG IDEAS

What are the goals for this part of the project?

02 - LEARNING EXPERIENCE

What do we need to learn or do about this part of the project?

03 - ACTION STEPS

What do we need to do next to move forward with our project?

FAMILY MEETINGS





WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

RESEARCH PROJECT VS PASSION PROJECT

PROJECT TIMELINE



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6 WEEKS OR 12 WEEKS



PASSION/PURPOSE

BIG IDEA:

What **topic/idea** do we want to learn about?
What **impact** would we like to make?

MASTERY PROJECT



**THE OPPORTUNITY TO MASTER A SKILL
OR CONCEPT BY DOING**

KINDNESS PROJECT



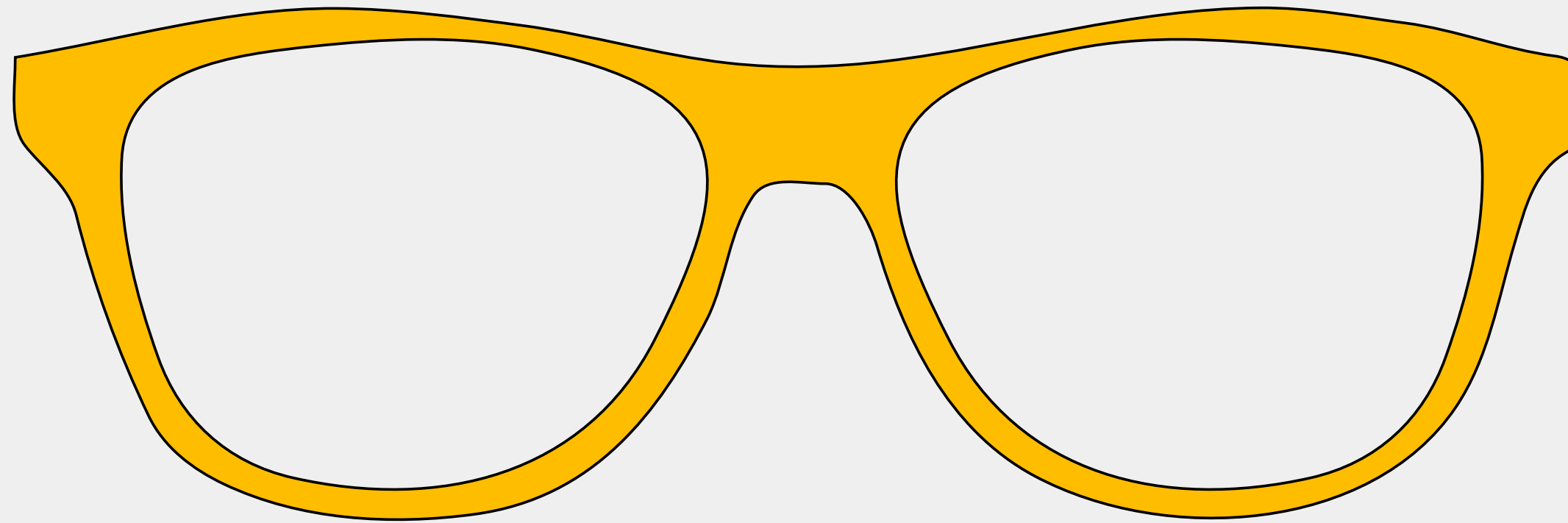
**THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT
SOMEONE ELSE IN A POSITIVE WAY**

INNOVATION PROJECT



**THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE SOMETHING
NEW OR MAKE SOMETHING BETTER.**

PERSPECTIVE PROJECT



THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE YOUR
PERSPECTIVE OR THE PERSPECTIVE OF
SOMEONE ELSE



PLAN

BIG IDEA:

What **materials** will we need?
How much **time** will this take?
Who will our **outside expert** be?



PITCH

BIG IDEA:

What do we already **KNOW**?
What do we **WANT** to know?
HOW do we hope to find out?

KWWH

PITCH PROJECT IDEAS TO FAMILY MEMBERS

PITCH TO OUTSIDE EXPERT OR ORGANIZATION

PITCH PROJECT IDEA TO ANOTHER FAMILY





PROJECT

BIG IDEA:

What did you **learn** about yourself
and each other today?

What do you need **to do** next?

What **connections** did you make?



PRODUCT

BIG IDEA:

What did you **create** as a family?
What did you **design**?
How will you **share** it with others/



PRESENTATION

BIG IDEA:

What did you **LEARN**?

What **ACTION** did you take?

What **QUESTIONS** do you still have?

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