GREJ OF THE DAY – GETTING STARTED GUIDE

INTRO.

In 2009, a Swedish schoolteacher named *Micael Hermansson* decided that he was going to alter the way he taught his students by starting every school day with a mind-blowing 8 minute micro lesson on virtually anything. Unbeknownst to him, this little gem, which is now known as GOTD (Grej of the day), translated to One Thing a Day would transform his classroom and his life. Since then, GOTD has taken over several countries by storm and forever altered schools as we know it.

STEP 1 : CLUES (1 min. or less).
The teacher begins the lesson by displaying a clue the day <u>before</u>.

To help students gain interest, arouse curiosity in the subject matter.

WORDPLAY	FACTS	PUZZLES WITH PICTURES
Provide synonyms, words with multiple meanings, play on words. Eg. A city on the move. Black or white.	Take a fact and change it into a clue. Eg. The biggest animal in the world. What animal can be as long as a bus and lays eggs? The sun rises here in the west.	Display a picture and alter it. You could do this by: • Blurring the picture • Only showing a portion of the picture (eg. Feet of an animal) • Scattering the picture

SOUNDS/VIDEO

Show a short video for the next clue OR let students hear only the audio portion for the next clue.

SMELL	TOUCH	RIDDLES
Have students smell something for the next clue. Eg. Smell a cup of coffee	Give students something to touch which they can either see or have it hidden for the next clue. Eg. Rabbit foot	Make up your own or use an existing riddle to entertain them. Eg. What has hands but cannot clap? (A clock) What has to be broken before you can use it? (An egg)
QUOTE	CLUE + PICTURE	DESCRIPTION
Display a quote. Eg. I have a dream (MLK)	Give students a clue with a picture of something to enhance learning. Eg. The windy city + a picture of the US flag.	Use descriptive words to write a clue. Eg. Soft, mysterious, geometrical in shape (Bermuda Triangle)

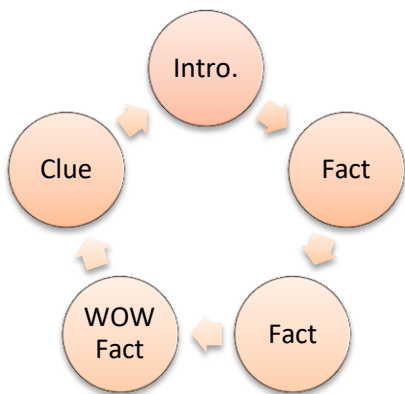# GREJ OF THE DAY – GETTING STARTED GUIDE

STEP 2 : MICROLESSON (8 – 10 mins)
Facts and information are introduced.

To gain further knowledge on the topic at hand with WOW facts.

In the mini lessons, the goal is to introduce students to WOW FACTS that they wouldn't be able to find in textbooks. You need to make sure in your slides that:
~ answer the core questions (what, where, when, why is this important?)
~ leaves the students hanging and wanting more
~ highlight the most important information
~ highlight information that makes their jaws drop!
   eg. A giraffe's tongue is 45cm long.
~ show students on the World Map where it is relevant.

~ if you can, end your GOTD with a cliffhanger or a WOW!
   "Hey, did you know that…"

Your students should be focused on YOU, create slides with large pictures and minimal words.

SLIDES FORMAT

Intro.

Fact

Fact

WOW Fact

Clue

STEP 3 : RETELL & WRITING
Retrieval of info. is completed.

To highlight and summarize some of the important information gained.

The teacher summarizes the slides and as a class, they write down 3 things to remember in their notebooks. These 3 things usually have the most important information.
Eg. The Anaconda is the longest snake in the world. It lives in Brazil and is not poisonous.

After this, the teacher displays the GOTD complete with the picture on a world map.

These notebooks are left at school. The students then re-tell the information learnt to someone else as homework from memory.

OTHER ALTERNATIVES:
- Some teachers give monthly quizzes of previous GOTD materials
- Teachers can make these GOTD weekly events for students schoolwide during lunchtime (Ela Strandberg)
- Have mini-GOTD sheets hung up around the school at designated areas.
- Once students are familiar with the format, have students present their own GOTD for the class.

GOTD LESSON PLANNER:

CLUE	
1	**FACTS SLIDE TITLE 1:**
2	**FACTS SLIDE TITLE 2:**

GOTD LESSON PLANNER:

3	<u>WOW FACTS SLIDE TITLE 3:</u>
	<u>SOURCES</u>
CLUE	

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