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Time Capsule

A time capsule is a collection of historical items or information used to communicate with people in the future. The preservation of objects from earlier times for historical or sentimental reasons is probably thousands of years old, but the practice of preparing and preserving a collection of everyday artifacts and messages to the future seems to have started in the 1700's. Time capsules are sometimes created and buried during celebrations, but they can also be done at any time and for any reason. With all that is happening in our world right now, it seems like a good time to create a time capsule. Your time capsule can be as fancy as an antique box or beer stein OR as simple as a cardboard box or plastic food container. Decorate the outside, if you want. Take some time to think about what you want to include, then do some writing and collect some objects. You can put anything in your time capsule that you think people, including yourself, might be interested in reading or looking at some time in the future. Here are some suggestions: tell about yourself—favorite colors, music, games, etc.—include pictures of yourself and your family & friends—tell how you are feeling about COVID-19 and being at home and how you feel about all the racial injustice that is happening right now—make predictions for the future—tell what you want to be or do sometime in the future—include some common items, like a toy or book or a CD. I put special memories from family and, of course, Raven Hill. Still need to write something to add. Seal your time capsule and put it somewhere safe, like the back of a drawer, closet or in the attic for someone in the future to find and open. Recently, a builder was surprised to find several notes hidden inside a wall while renovating a house in England. The messages had apparently been hidden in the wall in 1987 by three siblings. The notes were placed inside the wall, while their uncle was doing some construction in their kitchen. The International Time Capsule Society was created in 1990 to maintain a global database of all known time capsules.



1 Find capsule



2 Decorate



3 Collect objects



4 Place all in box



5 Tuck away for future