



Taunton Time Capsule

It's Alive Now!

WHAT IS A TIME CAPSULE?

A TIME CAPSULE IS A CONTAINER THAT IS FILLED WITH PRESENT DAY THINGS, SUCH AS NEWSPAPERS, PHOTOS, LETTERS ETC., THAT IS THEN HIDDEN AWAY IN A CLOSET OR BURIED OUTSIDE, FOR A LONG TIME, AND THEN OPENED BY YOUR FUTURE SELF, OR SOMEONE OF YOUR CHOOSING. A PRESENT FOR THE FUTURE!

THERE ARE NO RULES – IT COULD BE A SIMPLE SHOE BOX, WHICH YOU HIDE AWAY INDOORS, OR A MORE WEATHER-RESISTANT BOX THAT CAN BE BURIED OUTSIDE. YOU DECIDE HOW LONG YOU WANT TO HIDE IT, WHO SHOULD OPEN IT, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, YOU PICK WHAT TO INCLUDE.

MAKING YOUR TIME CAPSULE

AFTER YOU HAVE GATHERED ALL YOU WANT TO INCLUDE, IT'S TIME TO ASSEMBLE YOUR CONTAINER. INCLUDE ALL YOUR CHOSEN TIME CAPSULE TREASURES, AND SEAL YOUR BOX.

A NICE IDEA IS TO WRAP YOUR BOX LIKE A PRESENT, AND DECORATE IT (ONLY WORKS IF STORING INDOORS THOUGH), AND FINALLY YOU MUST LABEL IT WITH YOUR NAME, AND DATE WHEN BOX CAN BE OPENED, AND BY WHOM. IF YOU WANT TO STORE YOUR BOX OUTSIDE, BE SURE TO USE A WEATHERPROOF, AIR AND WATER TIGHT CONTAINER!

NOW HIDE IT AWAY, AND TRY NOT PEEK IN IT UNTIL THE CHOSEN DATE/YEAR!

YOU ARE LIVING THROUGH HISTORY RIGHT NOW

TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL IN THESE PAGES FOR YOUR FUTURE SELF TO LOOK BACK ON. AND HERE ARE SOME OTHER IDEAS OF THINGS TO INCLUDE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SOME PHOTOS FROM THIS TIME | <input type="checkbox"/> ANY ART WORK YOU CREATED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A JOURNAL OF YOUR DAYS | <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY / PET PICTURES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL NEWSPAPER PAGES OR CLIPPINGS | <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL MEMORIES |

THE HISTORY OF TIME CAPSULES

FROM THE WRITING OF JANA BAYNE

Going Back in Time!

The first time capsules were not put together to inform future generations about what life was like. Instead, societies thousands of years ago left behind remnants of their civilization in the form of pyramids, tombs, shrines and in some cases buried villages.

One such village was Pompeii, Italy. It is one of the most famous examples of an accidental time capsule. It was buried by poisonous ash from a volcanic eruption in 79 A.D. Archaeologists did not discover Pompeii until 1,500 years later. The volcanic ash from Mt. Vesuvius preserved almost everything in the city, from animals and people to scraps of food.

Since the 1500's, the popularity of stashing away items for future generations to discover has become more and more popular. Secret treasures have been found in walls, basements, and foundations of buildings. Monuments bear plaques that tell a secret is buried beneath.



TALK ABOUT IT!

Three of the Most Interesting!

The Crypt of Civilization is located at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia. This crypt, which is the size of an Olympic swimming pool, is filled with all kinds of things. You would find soup bowls, film reels from the 1940's, telephones and record players. The steel door was sealed shut and will not open until 8113! Think of the changes in technology we have had in the past 70 years, let alone, 7000 years!

The people of Colorado Springs, Colorado did not have to wait so long to open their time capsule. The Colorado Springs Century Chest was shut in 1901 and opened 100 years later. The people of Colorado Springs filled the chest with photographs, memorabilia, and letters to the Colorado Springs residents of 2001. All of the treasures have been carefully scanned so you can view them online!

Time capsules are even carrying messages to outer space. A golden record with messages in 55 different languages was launched into space in 1977 on the Voyager Spacecraft to (possibly) send an intergalactic message to extraterrestrial life in the Solar System. It included photos of daily life on Earth. Houses, humans and animals could all be viewed through this record.

What surprised you most about time capsules?


Highlight the facts you found most interesting and summarize the article to a family member!

ALL ABOUT ME


MY FAVORITES




COLOR



MOVIE




BOOK



EMOJI



TREAT



FRIEND



ACTIVITY

I AM

YEARS OLD

I STAND

INCHES TALL

SHOE SIZE

WHEN I GROW UP
I WANT TO BE...

IN 8TH GRADE I
WILL...

IF I COULD
CHANGE THE
WORLD I WOULD...

THE WORLD IN 2020

Fill in the information so you can look back at how things have changed!

CURRENT PRICES

TODAY'S DATE:

MILK

HAIRCUT

GASOLINE

EGGS

MOVIE TICKET

STAMP

HAMBURGER

CURRENT EVENTS

MY CITY

MY STATE

NATIONAL
EVENTS

