



Note: This FACTivity was adapted from the National Park Service Junior Ranger/Junior Archeologist book. For more information, visit <https://www.nps.gov/kids/pdf/jrarcheologistandparentguide.pdf>.



Time Needed

2 class periods

Materials

(for each student or group of students)

- A container for time capsule materials
- Blank paper
- Time Capsule Graphic Organizer
- Writing utensil

In this FACTivity, you will think about how you live and what artifacts you would like an archeologist to find one day to help explain the time period you live in now.

Methods

1. Your teacher will put you in pairs or small groups. Once you have been divided up, your pair or group needs to brainstorm a list of items you could put in a time capsule. Your pair or group will need to imagine that

an archeologist would find this time capsule 200 years from now. Think about what items would best help the archeologist to understand how you live now and what your culture is about. You also need to think about what kind of materials may be able to last for 200 years in a time capsule. Your teacher will give you 20-25 minutes to brainstorm a list.

2. After the brainstorming is complete, your pair or group will need to narrow down the list to only five items. After you choose the five items, complete the Time Capsule Graphic Organizer. You will share the information in the graphic organizer with your class during the next class.
3. During the next class period, your pair or group will share with the class the five items they chose and why. Your teacher will keep a list on chart paper or the board, so everyone can see what items have been proposed.
4. Once all pairs or groups have shared, your teacher will have each student vote for their top five items from the class list. Once your teacher tallies the votes, your teacher will share them with the class.
5. As a concluding activity, the class can create one time capsule with the five items identified.



If you are a trained Project Learning Tree educator, you may use "People of the Forest," "Tale of the Sun," "Environmental Exchange Box," "Tipi Talk," "The Native Way," and "A Look At Lifestyles" as additional resources.

Web Resources

Tlingit – Alaska Native Language Center
<https://www.uaf.edu/anlc/languages/tl/>

Tlingit – Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History
<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/Arctic/features/croads/tlingit.html#tlingit>

Indigenous People and Languages of Alaska – Alaska Native Language Center
<http://www.uaf.edu/anla/collections/map/anlmap.png>

Kit 'n' Kaboodle Cave
<http://apps.usd.edu/esci/alaska/kitkab.html>



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Time Capsule Graphic Organizer

Item Chosen	Why?