Decade in a Box

Project Checklist

Work with other classmates in your group to create a special box that holds information about a decade in 20th-century America.

Materials: medium-size cardboard box, bulletin board or construction paper, scissors, tape, glue, markers or crayons, items to put in your box (see Step 4 below), art paper (optional)

Steps:

1. Research your group’s decade to find information on the topics shown. Don’t use just reference books and the Internet as resources. Also ask parents, grandparents, and other older friends for information.

2. After you’ve taken notes on your decade, cover your box’s sides with paper.

3. Decorate the outside of the box with the title of your decade and words and pictures that describe it. Draw the pictures directly on the box. Or draw the pictures on paper and then cut them out and tape or glue them onto the box.

4. Collect artifacts that represent your decade. The artifacts can be actual items from your decade (such as record albums, clothing, or toys). They can also be photographs or drawings or models that you’ve made. Put the artifacts in your box.

5. Be prepared to share your box with the class.

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