

Changing Pass Activities

Memory Time Capsule - Inspired by the Museum of History's permanent exhibit: *Changing Pass: People, Land and Memory*.

Imagine the exhibit like a large-scale time capsule. It can give you a look into how life was in the past with a display of physical objects and memories from people who lived during that time. Create your own time capsule and preserve your experiences in the new decade of 2020. How would you like to be remembered? What things might change from today to the future? What new technology will be invented?

What you will need:

- A strong, sealable, watertight container, glass or plastic
- Some small objects you have selected to represent yourself
- Paper and craft supplies to draw current events, your family portrait, write a message or letter to your future self
- Photographs or cut-out images from magazines, newspapers

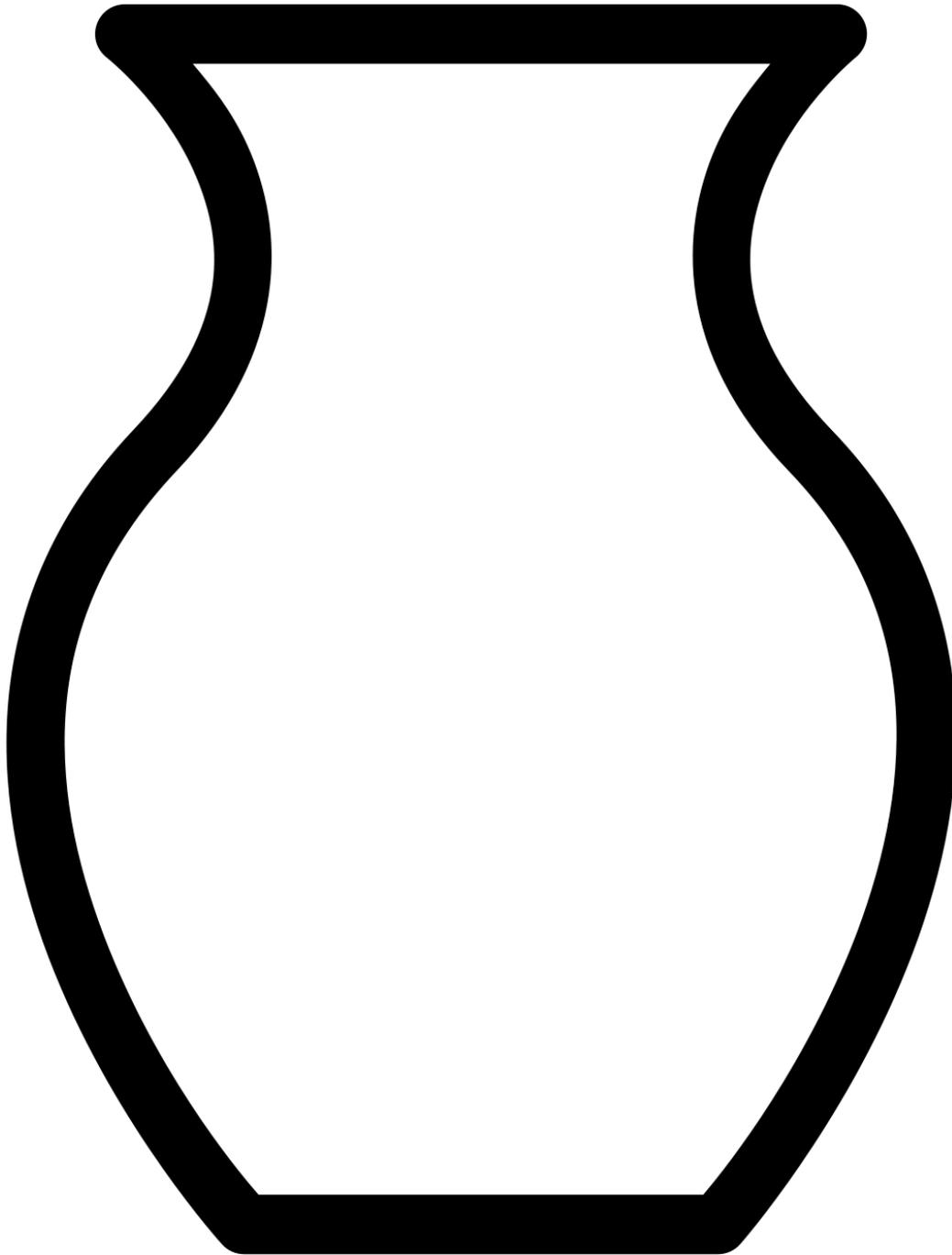
Ideas for your time capsule

- Take a photo of yourself and date it, to show how you look on the day you make your capsule.
- Write some basic facts about yourself: name, height, weight, shoe size.
- Write your future self a letter
- Draw your favourite place. Is it a park, your bedroom or a holiday destination?
- Gather small objects to put inside your capsule, they can be charms, toys, rocks, or anything you decide to represent present-time
- Decorate your container with pens, paints or markers. Make sure you write the date you made your time capsule and the date you want to open it.

After you have decided on your opening date and completed your time capsule, be sure to conceal your project in a safe spot. This could be buried in the ground in your yard or hidden in the back of a cabinet. When it is time to reflect on your time capsule, retrieve your capsule from its safe spot and see what has changed over time!

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You've just made an incredibly rare discovery! Fill in the decorations on the pot you've just unearthed.



Inspired by the Native Beginnings section in Museum of History's permanent exhibit: *Changing Pass: People, Land and Memory*.

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Homemade salt clay and design your own pottery - Inspired by the Native Beginnings section in Museum of History's permanent exhibit: *Changing Pass: People, Land and Memory*.

- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup flour plus additional flour
- Saucepan

Directions:

Mix salt, water, and flour in saucepan and cook over medium heat. Remove from heat when mixture is thick and rubbery. As the mixture cools, knead in enough flour to make the dough workable. When dough is dry, sculpt into pottery shapes and paint.

Homemade butter recipe - Inspired by the Settler and Pioneer History section in Museum of History's permanent exhibit: *Changing Pass: People, Land and Memory*.

- Heavy Cream
- A small jar
- Salt (optional)

Directions:

Fill the jar about half way with the heavy cream (adding salt to taste if you would like). Shake for about 15-20 minutes continuously or until you get a (relatively) solid blob of butter surrounded by butter milk. **In warmer weather, the butter may not ever fully separate from the butter milk and you will have something closer in consistency to a butter spread**

DIGIE History Lesson: ASARCO and Smelertown - Inspired by the Industrial West: Smokestacks over Smelertown section in Museum of History's permanent exhibit: *Changing Pass: People, Land and Memory*.

Have you ever been driving on I-10 by UTEP and noticed the stained black mountains? These are physical environment remnants of El Paso's history of copper smelting. Learn about the American Smelting and Refining Company, or ASARCO, and its impact on the local communities of Smelertown and El Paso. Search ASARCO or Smelertown on digie.org and view historic and contemporary photos. If your family has a history connected to ASARCO or Smelertown, add your photos to the digital archive!



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DIGIE History Lesson: Mexican Revolution - Inspired by the Mexican Revolution section in Museum of History's permanent exhibit: *Changing Pass: People, Land and Memory*.

Did you know during the Battle of Juarez people from El Paso would sit on the Rio Grande to spectate? El Paso played a large role during the time of the Mexican Revolution. Search Mexican Revolution on digie.org and view historic photos from the 1900's. If your family has a history connected to the Mexican Revolution, add your photos to the digital archive!

DIGIE History Lesson: Bracero Program - Inspired by the WWII and Bracero Program section in Museum of History's permanent exhibit: *Changing Pass: People, Land and Memory*.

Did you know the largest bi-national labor agreement was between the Mexico and U.S. employing over 4.6 million laborers? El Paso was the main and *only* port of entry for laborers employed through the Bracero program in the 1940s. Search Bracero Program on digie.org and view historic photos from the 1900's. If your family has a history connected to the Bracero Program or World War II, add your photos to the digital archive!