

TIME CAPSULE PROGRAM SYNOPSIS

Time capsules are containers designed to hold items that inform future generations about the history of today. They provide a snapshot of everyday culture and society, and are usually created at an important time – maybe the building of a structure, creation of an organization, or during a period of great change.

This program looks at two time capsules from Greene County and explores why certain items were selected, as well as what the viewer may learn about that time by the contents of each capsule. Students then discuss what items are important to them and to think about what they think their life will be like at different stages. This discussion will lead to the selection of items for their own class time capsule, with a description of why those items were selected. The final product will be a class time capsule to be opened at a time designated by the teacher.