

Time Traveller

You will need

- 3 objects

This activity counts towards

Beavers Derbyshire Archaeology Badge Requirement 4

Activity Details

Time: 30 minutes

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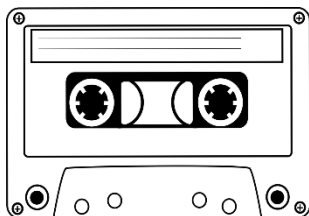
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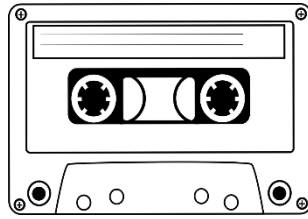
Individuals & Teams

Beavers

Activity

1. The person leading the activity should explain to the young people that they have 10 minutes to collect three items and they are looking for:
 - a. The oldest object
 - b. The newest object
 - c. The most interesting object
 - i. The young people can choose any item they wish
2. The person leading the activity should start the timer and allow the young people to search for the three items
3. When the 10 minutes is up, the person leading the activity should ask the young people to re-group for a discussion
4. Discussion questions:
 - a. How do you know something is old? Is it the colour, texture, or from what someone has told you?
 - b. What did you find interesting about the most interesting object?
5. The person leading the activity should now move the discussion towards the future.
6. The person leading the activity should ask the young people to choose one of their objects and ask:
 - a. If you were someone from 100 years in the future what would you think the object was?
 - b. How do you think the object would have been used?
 - c. What do you think the object would have been used for?





Reflection

Was there a time when you found an object and had no idea what it was? Archaeologists can experience this when excavating and come across unknown objects. They must try and figure out what it may have been used for. However, there are still objects that have been discovered which have yet to be identified, so it can be an ongoing mystery

Safety

Make sure the young people understand the rules. When the timer starts, they should not run off as accidents are then more likely to happen.

It's important to make sure the young people do not try to pick up any objects they cannot handle, for example something very heavy.

Make it accessible

If this activity cannot be done at home it can also be done at the scout hut, either as individuals or in their lodges.

The number of items to collect can also be reduced or increased to suit the situation.

Youth Shaped Guidance

There are no wrong items within the safety guidelines. There are also no write answers for their interpretation. Let them take their imagination as far and wide as they wish to.

