

# TINY TIME CAPSULE

**HERE'S THE PLAN:** You're going to ask your history and English teacher friends to give a for-credit assignment that will benefit the yearbook. The goal is to get photos and mini-stories that are yearbook-worthy and ready to fill pages.

## THE ASSIGNMENT

- ▶ Students submit a single picture that represents this time in their life, and they write a two-sentence caption about it. It's a time capsule of sorts. If this is given as a task for some sort of credit via classes, we promise you'll get responses. Even easier — it's all by Google Form.

### HOW IT'S DONE:

1. If you're interested, here's a link to see the [Google Form](#) that Susan's school, Acton Boxborough, used for this. (You'd need to change the format of the final question to File Upload before sending!)
2. Take a look at the sample email at right. This is what the Massachusetts adviser used to ask her colleagues for help, just in case reading it helps you wrap your brain around it.
3. Check out the document below to see how this is actually manifesting on the pages of their book.

**Special thanks to Susan Happel for sharing.**

## SAMPLE EMAIL TO COLLEAGUES

Hey friends,

As you may know, I advise the yearbook, and this year is proving to be the ultimate challenge as far as getting the content we need for our pages (surprise!) However, we are committed to recording this unusual period in our school's history, and I got an idea from my yearbook rep for a quick, short assignment that I think would be good for the book and hopefully work for some of you in English, Social Studies, and World Language.

But before I go any further, I know how unbelievably challenging this year has been, and if the thought of trying to incorporate something extra into your planning makes you physically ill, read no further! This would only be if you wanted to build in a small easy grade, or even use it as extra credit. But please, please, please: no pressure.

The basic idea is to create individual artifacts of the kids' experience in this deeply unusual year. It would be an asynchronous assignment in which you would ask them to submit a picture that represents this time in their life and compose a two-sentence caption about that photo.

Sentence 1 (present tense) tells the who, what, when, where of the photo, and Sentence 2 is a first-person quote that tells the why of the photo. Ideally, the picture would feature the student themselves; it could show them working on an at-home project, a screenshot of them in a remote class, practicing their sport, hanging out with friends 6-ft apart, and so on. I welcome kids of any and all grades, and I'm happy for you to tailor it to your subject, if you like. All submissions would be considered for inclusion in the book.

Please let me know your thoughts. If you are willing, I will send you what you need for the assignment, which is basically text to copy/paste for the students and the [Google Form](#) link where they will submit their photo and caption. If you like, all the submitted material would come directly to me and when it's all said and done, I'll give you the list of who participated so you can provide the proper grade or extra credit. Ideally, it would be assigned sometime this month, and completed in a week or so.

I really appreciate you considering this. It will help us get so many more students in this book, and it will help us show what they're doing at this point in their lives.

And once more: no pressure. None, zero, zilch.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

# SAMPLE LAYOUT

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PIC

## two sentences

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Up in New Hampshire's White Mountains, Michael pauses for a moment to take in the scenery. "It's always important to take stock of what we have and be grateful for the little things, like the beauty of nature or peace of mind."



MICHAEL GREGA

Tarun Paravasthu scans Google Classroom for new assignments, hoping he hasn't missed any. "One good thing about going online is that everything is more organized."



TARUN PARAVASTHU

Aidan Reed is a ski instructor at Northville Valley. "Teaching has been a great way to get out of the house this year and it's solidified my enthusiasm for teaching and passion for the sport."



AIDAN REED

Grace Lee, a member of ABRHS, slips another piece of chocolate into her secret stash, one that she's been making ever since the beginning of the school year. "I don't know why I'm doing this, I guess it just makes me feel better." Also, it's pretty nice that I get to pick one out to eat when I need to."



GRACE LEE

It was the week just before the start of my senior year, I went to a beach in Dennis to watch the sunset. I never watch a sunset on the beach before, and even can walk in the middle of the sea at the time period. It was just really beautiful and fascinating.



YUQI LIU

The hike scales the mountains over the summer in New Hampshire. "It is meaningful to me because the outdoors is where I feel at home and safe, and I'm always blown away by the beauty of it."



SEAN NELSON

I feel just gotten into Brandon College and was having good. I am excited to meet my future friends and get to know them.



JED HOGGARD

Henry Tshabalala reads after completing assignments. "Reading is not particularly meaningful to me, but it is a fun downtime activity."



HENRY TSHABALALA

Stuck inside during the COVID-19 pandemic, and with limited social interaction even during in-person school days, Rohan Kapoor always looks forward to spending many evenings. Each evening, close friends once-around. "Having many friends, including my best friend, from across outside of All levels me to only one way of spending time with them, by talking," said Kapoor.



ROHAN KAPOOR

Daoning Cui also Cui, created sculptures made of wire, daily objects, and her broken cameras. "Before making this project, thinking that humanity is dumb, I realized my limits. I was shocked by technology that was there before I was born, created by careful measures and design, this made me reconsider myself and the modern society, and had put me into shame."



DAONING CUI

In the earlier months of our school year, sophomore Shreya Nair sketched and took pictures of sunsets whenever she could. "Getting a fresh breath of air every once in a while and making sure I enjoy the little things in life as well as the bigger things."



SHREYA NAIR

As a voracious reader who has no social life, Min Kulsick can be spotted alone in her room reading dozens of books that she may or may not finish. "We had to read these and so I had to do," says Kulsick. "I imagine that all librarians hate me now."



MIN KULSICK

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Google Form

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