

Letters to Future Generations



Not for me: this section does not apply

Tick here and in the Contents, then skip ahead (no need to print it either).

This is your chance to speak directly to people you might never meet.

Your great-grandchildren. Your great-great-grandchildren. The descendants who will live 50, 75, 100 years from now.

They won't know you. They'll never hear your voice or see your face (except in old photos). But if you write to them now, they'll know who you were and what you cared about.

This section is for those letters.

You can write about your life. You can share advice. You can tell them what the world was like in your time. You can describe your hopes for the future. You can tell them about their ancestors.

There's no right way to do this. Just write what feels important.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Imagine if your great-great-grandmother had written you a letter. Imagine reading her words, hearing her thoughts, knowing what she hoped for you.

That's what you're creating now.

These letters will be read long after you're gone. They'll give your descendants a real sense of who they are and where they came from.

That's a real gift to leave behind.

Let's write to the future.

Your Letters to Future Generations

A message across time to people you'll never meet but who carry your name.

TO MY GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

MY NAME

YEAR I'M WRITING

YEAR I WAS BORN

WHAT YOU WANT THEM TO KNOW ABOUT YOU, ABOUT YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR HOPES FOR THEM

Your Letters to Future Generations (cont.)

TO FUTURE GENERATIONS (50-100 YEARS FROM NOW)

WHAT THE WORLD WAS LIKE IN YOUR TIME, THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES YOU FACED, WHAT YOU HOPED WOULD CHANGE, AND WHAT YOU HOPE THEY'VE ACHIEVED THAT YOU COULDN'T

Your Letters to Future Generations (cont.)

WHAT I WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR ANCESTORS

WHO THEY WERE, WHAT MADE THEM SPECIAL, AND WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THEM

WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE IN MY TIME

HOW YOU COMMUNICATED, WORKED AND TRAVELLED, WHAT YOU DID FOR FUN, WHAT YOU WORRIED ABOUT AND HOPED FOR

Your Letters to Future Generations (cont.)

TECHNOLOGY IN MY TIME

WHAT EXISTED (AND DIDN'T) WHEN YOU WERE BORN, AT 20, AT 50, AND WHAT YOU THOUGHT WOULD EXIST BY THEIR TIME

ADVICE THAT WILL STILL MATTER

ON FAMILY, LOVE, WORK, AND HAPPINESS

Your Letters to Future Generations (cont.)

WHAT I HOPE THE FUTURE HOLDS

WHAT YOU HOPE THE WORLD IS LIKE, AND WHAT YOU HOPE THEIR LIFE IS LIKE

WHAT I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER

IF THEY REMEMBER ONLY ONE THING ABOUT YOU

Your Letters to Future Generations (cont.)

QUESTIONS I WISH I COULD ASK YOU

WRITE HERE

DESCRIBING YOUR ANCESTORS TO YOU

WHERE THE FAMILY CAME FROM, WHY THEY MIGRATED, WHERE THEY SPREAD, THE HARDSHIPS AND TRIUMPHS, AND WHAT HELD YOU TOGETHER

Your Letters to Future Generations (cont.)

VALUES THAT SHOULD NEVER CHANGE

WRITE HERE

A MESSAGE ABOUT FAMILY

WRITE HERE

Your Letters to Future Generations (cont.)

WHAT I'M PROUD OF

WHAT YOU ACCOMPLISHED, WHAT YOU STOOD FOR, AND WHAT YOU OVERCAME IN YOUR LIFETIME

MY FINAL WORDS TO THE FUTURE

WRITE HERE

Your Letters to Future Generations (cont.)

PHOTOGRAPHS OR ITEMS FOR THE FUTURE

ITEM / PHOTO, WHERE IT IS, WHY IT MATTERS

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TIME CAPSULE

TIME CAPSULE? WHEN TO OPEN

WHAT'S INSIDE

ADDITIONAL LETTERS

TO / WHEN TO OPEN / WHERE STORED

TO / WHEN TO OPEN / WHERE STORED

FINAL THOUGHTS

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO SAY TO PEOPLE YOU'LL NEVER MEET

Your Letters to Future Generations (cont.)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Extra Space

More room for your Letters to Future Generations section: extra entries, stories, or anything the boxes could not hold.