

Activity 9: Create your own archive for the future

The original documents in this resource are around 700 years old. They have been preserved and looked after as part of our history. Documents we produce today, whether they are letters, books, newspapers or items produced on computers, will one day become the records and archives of the future for later generations to study.



Work in groups and gather a varied selection of everyday sources of information, such as newspaper articles, advertisements, café menus, photographs, maps or CDs/DVDs. **Discuss** the following:

- Their format – What are they made of? Will they survive?
- Their content - What information do they give? Is it accurate?
- Are they worth preserving for the future and if so, how would you do it?

Record your findings in the table.

Archives for the Future

Source of Information	Material made of	Content	Value	Preserve	Destroy
Newspaper article	newsprint	G8 conference, Edinburgh, July 2005	International event	X	
Bus ticket	paper	Journey from home to school	Regular event		X

Select one item from your table and **write a short report** explaining why you think it should be kept for the future or destroyed.

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