

UNIT FOUR Worksheet

Lesson 4: Journeys to the Center Travel Across Time Culminating Activity

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In this activity, we will examine norms for travel and long-distance communication. Norms are practices that are typical of a certain time or social setting. They change through time and across cultures. Studying norms can help us understand societies and how they change.

Using actual correspondence from 1962 and your own present day correspondence from Lesson III, compare and contrast travel and long distance communication between 1962 and today.

TRAVEL

1962	2012

LONG-DISTANCE COMMUNICATION

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1. What are some of the similarities and differences between travel in 1962 and today? Consider how people traveled to the 1962 Seattle World's Fair. If you were going to make a long trip across the U.S. today, what might be different?
2. Explain how people communicated to friends and family about their travels to the fair. What are the norms—or typical practices—for how we might communicate over long distances today?
3. The 1962 Seattle World's Fair was all about imagining the future. Imagine what travel and long distance communication might look and sound like fifty years from now in 2062. What would you expect to be the norms at that future date? Imagine you are making a cross-country trip. How would you do it? How would you keep in touch with loved ones from the road?
4. Consider what you have concluded about 1962, 2012, and 2062. What changes about the way we travel and communicate back home? What stays the same?