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CAPTURED Moments

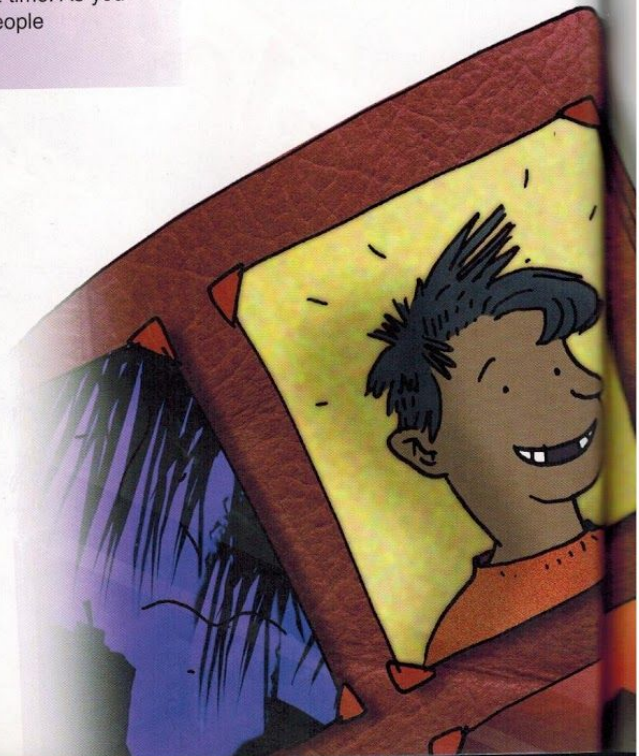
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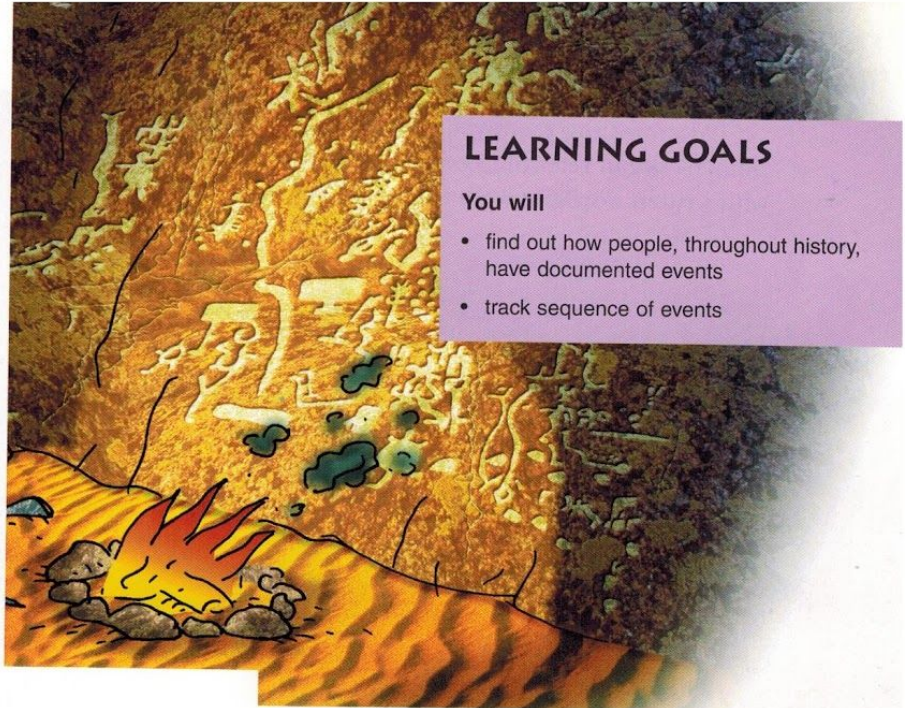
READING TIP

Track sequence of events

This selection tells about the history of documenting or recording events. Articles such as this usually proceed from the beginning of an invention up to the present time. As you read, jot notes about each new method that people developed to record important events.

Do you have a photo album? It's fun to look at old pictures of our families, but your photos have another purpose, too. Each image shows a moment of your life. It is proof that your cousin Lisa was at your fifth birthday party. Or it reminds you of that silly haircut your mom gave you in the second grade.



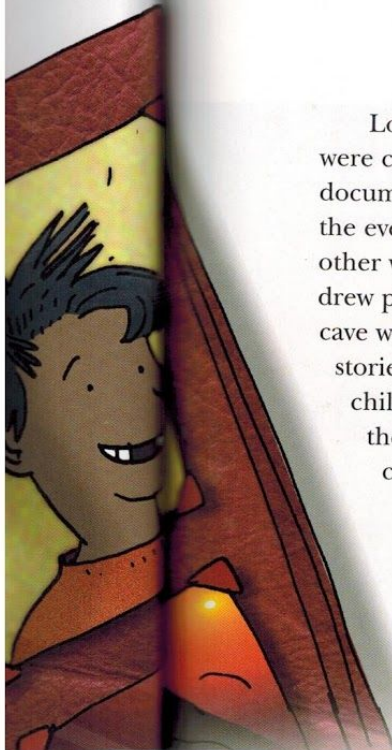
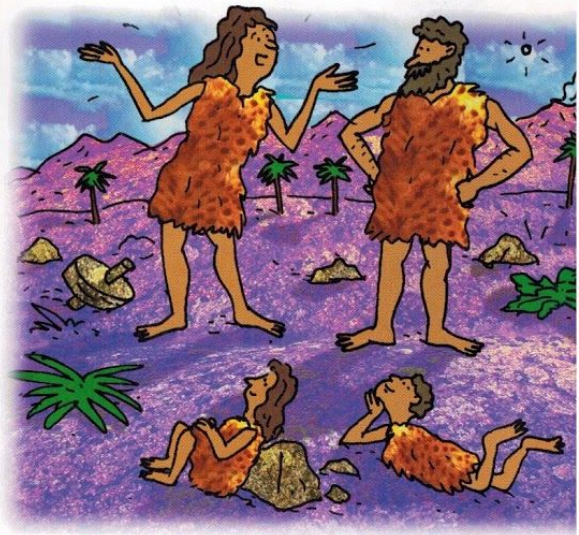


LEARNING GOALS

You will

- find out how people, throughout history, have documented events
- track sequence of events

Long before there were cameras, people documented or recorded the events of their lives in other ways. Early peoples drew pictures on rocks and cave walls. Or they told stories of events to their children, who passed them on to their children, and so on.



When writing was invented, humans began recording events with written words, as well.

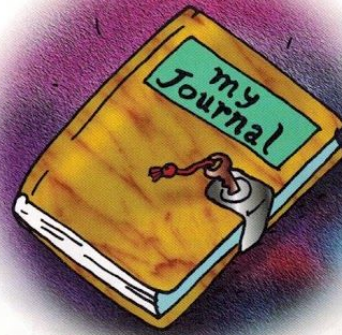


These days we have many different ways to document things happening in our world. Newspapers and magazines print articles about events as soon as they happen. Often they include photos as well. Television stations use videotape and audiotape to record events. Their cameras and microphones let TV viewers see and hear what is happening. It makes us feel as though we are at the events ourselves.



How do you document things in *your* life? Do you have a photo album? Perhaps you write the things you do or the way you feel in a diary or journal. Some families use an audio tape recorder to record the sounds of special occasions, such as birthday parties. Some even have video cameras to make home movies. So you may have photographs, videotapes, audiotapes, journals, and other things that tell the story of your life. It would be a lot easier if you could keep all of these

documents in one place. With special computer equipment we can now do that.



Computer memory is a little like a photo album, journal, and videotape all rolled up in one tiny package. It is a big chunk of space for memories of just about any kind. You can store pictures, written words, audio recordings, and video recordings in computer memory. A lot can be stored on a computer's *hard drive*, the

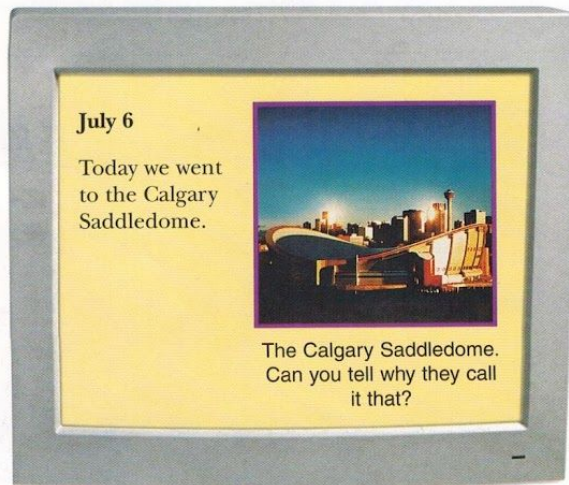
memory that is inside a computer. However, sometimes audio recordings and video recordings have to be stored as *large format removable media* on special disks because they take up lots of memory space.

Let's look at how one girl used the special equipment on her computer to document a summer trip.

My Computer Journal

by Yasmin Cheung

I wanted to make a journal of everything about my summer trip to Calgary. First, I typed in the words I had written in my journal on each day of our trip. Next, I got my photographs and drawings scanned. That means a special sort of photocopier turned the pictures into a *computer file* so I could show them on my computer. I placed each picture with the journal entry of the day I took it. Then I typed in a description of each photo so people looking at my journal would know what each one is.



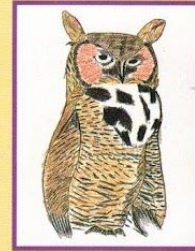
Mom helped me hook up our tape recorder to the computer so I could add tape recordings of things we heard on our trip. I programmed my journal so the correct recording plays when each picture comes up on the screen.

Then Dad hooked up the video camera to our computer so I could include the movies we took on our trip.

I'm very proud of my multimedia vacation journal. It was a lot of work, but it's great for telling people about our trip. I want to show it to my friends and family in other cities, too, so next week Dad's going to help me post it on our web site.

July 9

I learned today that Alberta's provincial bird is the Great Horned Owl. This is what it looks like.



The Great Horned Owl, Alberta's provincial bird.

July 10

Went to the Calgary Stampede! Was it ever fun! This is the video I took.



[Click here to start the video.](#)

AFTER YOU READ

Make a time line

Review the notes you made while reading. Make a time line to show the order of inventions that people found to record events. Start with the earliest method and finish with the present. Look for words that give you clues to the order of events, such as "in the beginning," "then," or "now."

Making History

*Written by Monica Kulling
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Today is a holiday.
I hold a camera
and frame your face
whenever you look my way.

I line up light
to make you shine.
I line up you
to make you mine.

*Move forward.
Move left.
Move back.
Move right.
Give yourself
to the camera's sight.*

I focus. Re-focus.
It's sharp. Now sharper.
Your lines are true.
I hold my breath.
My breath holds you.

It's ready.
It's now.
It's ...

CLICK!

You're history.

