

## History in a Jar

Have students make a personal history exhibit inside a jar or clear plastic container. Encourage them to select a special event from their community (e.g. achievement, day, person, place, vacation) they enjoyed. Photographs and small objects can be used to express their unique memories.

### Things to Collect in Advance

- Jars or plastic containers with lids; ones with wide mouths work best
- Keepsakes such as photos, magazine clippings, ticket stubs, stickers and small three-dimensional items (e.g. figurines, buttons, or seashells)
- Styrofoam blocks, cut to fit inside of jars (to support the photos)
  - **Or** cardboard tubes (paper towel or tissue rolls) cut into short sections
- Construction or coloured paper
- Ribbons, glitter and assorted trims
- Glue, tape and scissors
- **Optional** – coloured sand, rocks or beans to partially fill jars

### Instructions

- Have students select photos and keepsakes for their particular event
- Trim photos, clippings etc. and paste them onto foam blocks or cardboard rolls (blocks or rolls serve as supports for the two-dimensional items)
  - **Or** use sand, rocks, or beans to partially fill jar
- Write short sentences or words to represent the specific event
- Insert all items in jar; encourage use of colour and textures
- Place lid on jar and label with student's name; outside of jar can also be decorated

