

WHAT'S CHANGED?

Objective

Upon completion of this activity, students will be able to:

- reflect upon past events.
- determine importance & relevance of events in today's society.

Instructional Time

45 minutes–90 minutes

Materials

“What's Changed?” Student Worksheet

Internet

Books

Magazines

Pencils/Pen

Procedure

1. Decide if students will work individually or with a partner.
2. Distribute the class activity sheets.
3. Discuss with students current events and what it would be like to be away from Earth for 2–4 years.
4. Make available any necessary materials.
5. Provide students with a research time and a final date in which all items must be turned in.

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A Mars mission has two windows of opportunity, a 1–2 month stay and a longer 18 month stay. The journey to Mars involves a travel time of 11 months. So a round trip mission would require an astronaut to be away from family and friends for two to almost four years. Many things would have changed when they returned. NASA would have made every effort to keep the crew apprised of major news events and political happenings, but day to day life changes would go unreported.

Imagine that you have just returned from a four year mission to Mars. What are some of the changes that have taken place? You may need to research magazines and newspapers.

DIRECTIONS. Answer the following questions, based upon your research.

How has fashion changed in the last four years?

What were the top money makers at the box office two years ago?

What celebrities have died since you've been gone?

What laws have changed?

Who was the President of the United States when you left?

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Who was the President of Russia?

What has happened on Wall Street?

Who were the biggest recording stars?

How have computers changed?

What were cellular phone prices like when you left?

What phone services are different?

What food or beverage products have been introduced in your absence?

How did the United States do in the last summer and winter Olympics?