

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A DETAILED PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTING A TIME CAPSULE FOR THE 1980'S BRAT PACK – THE **BRAT PACK** IS A NICKNAME GIVEN TO A GROUP OF YOUNG ACTORS WHO FREQUENTLY APPEARED TOGETHER IN TEEN-ORIENTED COMING-OF-AGE FILMS IN THE 1980S. FIRST MENTIONED IN A 1985 *NEW YORK* MAGAZINE ARTICLE, IT IS NOW USUALLY DESCRIBED AS THE CAST MEMBERS OF TWO SPECIFIC FILMS RELEASED IN 1985 – *THE BREAKFAST CLUB* AND *ST. ELMO'S FIRE* – ALTHOUGH SOMETIMES OTHER ACTORS ARE INCLUDED. THE "CORE" MEMBERS ARE EMILIO ESTEVEZ, ANTHONY MICHAEL HALL, ROB LOWE, ANDREW MCCARTHY, DEMI MOORE, JUDD NELSON, MOLLY RINGWALD, AND ALLY SHEEDY.

THE ACTORS THEMSELVES WERE KNOWN TO DISLIKE THE LABEL. MANY OF THEIR CAREERS PEAKED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE 1980S BUT DECLINED AFTERWARDS FOR VARIOUS REASONS.

Artifact 1 – The Container: A Vintage lunch box with a depiction of the “Brat Pack” characters on the lid and base of the lunch box. Sides will show scenes from the “Brat Pack” movies of the 1980’s. The lunch box will be made from foam board. The inside of the lunchbox will contain a “thermos” also depicting the “Brat Pack” characters. The thermos will open on a hinge and will hold smaller artifacts. Larger artifacts will be placed in the “food area” next to the thermos. (Robin will make this one.)

Artifact 2 – Big Hair Barbie:

Barbie doll dressed as one of the members of the Brat Pack, in typical 80’s fashion. The clothing and hair will be completely original and handmade. (Robin will make this one.)

Artifact 3 – Become a Breakfast Clubber

CD containing music representative of the Brat Pack movies. Music will be downloaded and recorded onto a CD. A graphics program will be used to create a graphic overlay for the CD with the song context. (Robin will make this one.)

Artifact 4 – Life’s So Hard...Diary Entry

Using draw-background a faded paper color to signify “old” paper. Use text box to add diary entry. Create texture using darker background color to produce the effect of “wrinkled pages.”

The Brat Pack movies were geared toward a viewing audience of graduating high school and college aged young adults. During this transient time in their lives, young adults of this age are eager to move out and get on with life and starting a family. While working and going to school- adolescents are able to dream about the life they are working toward. A day in the life of a teen girl is described in the following diary excerpt. (Meghan will make this one)

Artifact 5 – Catch a Flick!

Catch a Flick! Economically- the Brat Pack time of the 80’s offered great contrast to current means of entertainment. The drastic differences in average income and movie ticket prices are shown on the 80’s inspired movie tickets as well as the opening weekend box office income of 3 of the Brat Pack’s most well-known films. Take 2 note cards for ticket size - use tinfoil to create shiny edges. Fill remainder of space with black construction paper. Add detail using small pieces of red/yellow paper- markers for text. Similar to an old-school movie ticket. (Meghan will make this one)

Artifact 6 – Speech Bubble Breakfast Club



Use internet image and print. Cut out characters as one single piece. Glue on to cardboard. Use paint for speech bubbles. Print- cut out, using toothpicks attach bubbles to correct characters. Create cardboard base to use as a stand for entire artifact.

The “Brat Pack” mentality was absorbed and understood by many of the adolescents of that time. The 80’s glorified a period of anti-norm culture ideals and standing up for the underdog, as shown by the statements of individuality used by the breakfast club as well as their “whatcha gonna do ‘bout it” posture and attitude.

Brian Johnson: You see us as you want to see us... In the simplest terms, in the most convenient definitions. But what we found out is that each one of us is a brain...

Andrew Clark: ...and an athlete...

Allison Reynolds: ...and a basket case...

Claire Standish: ...a princess...

John Bender: ...and a criminal...

Brian Johnson: Does that answer your question?

(Meghan will make this one)

Artifact 7 – Intoxicating Fame

This artifact represents the struggle between instant success and fame and the ways our young subculture dealt with some of their problems and situations. I will be taking a plastic see through glass (plastic) and creating a graphic that will depict two vital characteristics of the Brat Pack. Andrew McCarthy once said that “Fame is very seductive and intoxicating.” This will be the theme of this artifact. (Mike will make this one)

Artifact 8 – Who Named Them

This artifact will be an explanatory graphic that will tell the brief story of how these young actors and actresses got their name “The Brat Pack”. I will be creating an original graphic that looks very similar to a newspaper or magazine article. (Mike will make this one)

Artifact 9 – A Look Through Time

A look through Time- This artifact will be an organizational graphic that will show a timeline of the Brat Packs movie release dates. This will show the drastic beginning of their careers and the sudden end by using a timeline. (Mike will make this one)

Artifact 10 – Then and Now

The transformative: Copy n past images on PowerPoint of before and now. (Mary will make this one)

Artifact 11 – Time Magazine Cover

In Paint: copy and modify image of Time Cover Magazine. (Mary will make this one)

Artifact 12 – Cover Page

Modified image (Mary will make this one)