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What do we collect? (and Why do we do it?)



Today we will discuss the act of collecting, discuss objects that we have seen collected by others, share any objects we personally collect, and discuss why someone collects.

Consider the following questions about the art of collecting:

Name an object you have seen collected? _____

Why do you think that object was special to that person? _____

How have you seen the collection displayed? _____

Does anyone in your family have a collection? _____

What do they collect? _____

Do you personally collect anything? And if so, what do you collect? _____

Consider the word bank below, describe why you collect that object or item _____

WHY DO WE COLLECT?

Circle the reasons you most relate to when you think about collecting.

Nostalgia/Evoke Memories

Aesthetic appreciation

Order/Control

Emotional Comfort

Coping Mechanism

Self-Identity

Stress release

Personal Enjoyment

Social interaction

Sharing knowledge

Recognition and prestige

Financial investments

Preservation of history

Reflect Loyalty

TEACHER'S NOTES (Why we collect)

Nostalgia/Evoke Memories: collecting can evoke positive memories and emotions associated with an individual's childhood or other impactful moments of life.

Aesthetic Appreciation: collecting can be driven by the beauty of the objects to the collector.

Order and Control: collecting can bring a sense of organization to a collector when the world feels too chaotic.

Emotional Comfort: collecting can provide a sense of familiarity and security to a collector.

Coping Mechanism: Collecting can provide a distraction from daily stress

Self-Identity: Collecting can allow an individual to express oneself and provide a way for a collector to present their interests.

Stress Release: Collecting, researching and displaying a collection can be a stress relieving pastime.

Personal Enjoyment: the act of hunting for and acquiring treasures can be an enjoyable hobby and a rewarding experience for the collector.

Social Interaction: creating community as a collector of shared objects can foster a sense of belonging.

Sharing Knowledge: collectors become the keepers of the past and the act of educating others about a specific collection can be a satisfying endeavor and bring added purpose to the collection.

Recognition and Prestige: collecting rare objects can substantiate the collectors hobby and elevate their status in their specific genre of collecting.

Financial Investments: collecting objects in certain instances can become a lucrative investment as objects appreciate over time.

Preservation of History: collecting can play a role in preserving historical artifacts and cultural pieces.

Reflect Loyalty: collecting can show allegiance to a country of origin, a sports team, or a hometown.