

Hayward's Historic City Hall

Vocabulary:

- **city hall** - the main building of a city government
- **groundbreaking** - a ceremony to “break the ground” for a new construction site
- **cornerstone** - a stone laid at the bottom corner of a building, often carved with the date the building was built
- **fault line** - a break in the earth’s crust where two plates of rock move past each other, often causing earthquakes
- **time capsule** - a collection of objects from a certain time period, saved and hidden away to be opened at some time in the future

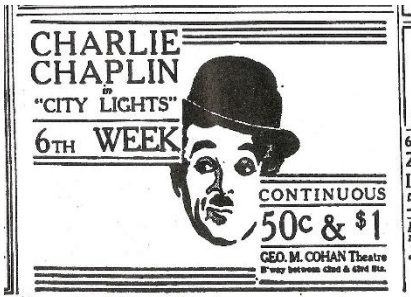
Questions:

- 1.) What year did Hayward officially become a town? _____
- 2.) What date was the *groundbreaking ceremony* for the City Hall? _____
- 3.) Fill in the blank: “Hayward celebrated this day with a giant _____
marching through downtown to the building site.”
- 4.) List at least 3 groups that participated in the parade:
 - a.) _____
 - b.) _____
 - c.) _____
- 5.) What date was the City Hall finally finished? _____
- 6.) Why did the city government move out of the historic City Hall? _____

- 7.) Can the original City Hall building be used today? Why or why not? _____

Extension: Make a Time Capsule

The citizens of Hayward hid a *time capsule* inside the cornerstone of the historic City Hall Building. A time capsule is a collection of objects saved to be opened at a future time. Time capsules have been opened 20, 30, 40 or even 100 years after they were made. The time capsule they placed inside the cornerstone of City Hall is still there from 90 years ago, in 1930. They included objects that would represent daily life from the 1930s.



Newspaper ad for a movie in 1930 Old-fashioned telephone

Tin toy car from 1930s

In 1993, a group of college students from Shenandoah University made a time capsule for their school. It was opened in 2018. Their 1993 time capsule included:

- A daily newspaper from May 8, 1993
- A toy dinosaur to symbolize the movie "Jurassic Park"
- A cassette tape recording of a student piano recital



A photo of 3 friends from the 1993 time capsule.



Opening the 1993 time capsule.

Time Capsule Activity

Imagine that you are going to make your own time capsule to represent what life is like right now, in 2020. Imagine that it will be opened 30 years from now. How old will you be in 30 years? What do you think you will remember from the age you are right now? Think about things you use every day, that may change over time. (Hint: ask your parents about their phones when they were growing up.)

Choose 10 items to include in your time capsule, and explain why you would include each one. Choose items that will last a long time – don't put in any fresh food, or things that won't last very long. Try to think about what games you play, what shows you watch – what is famous or important right now? Then think about what kind of box you would put it in to keep it safe. Draw or take a picture of your items inside their time capsule box.

10 Things I would include in my Time Capsule:

1. Item:

Why would you include it?

2. Item:

Why would you include it?

3. Item:

Why would you include it?

4. Item:

Why would you include it?

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Why would you include it?

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Why would you include it?

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Why would you include it?

9. Item:

Why would you include it?

10. Item:

Why would you include it?

Draw or attach a picture of your items in their time capsule.

