EXPLORATION OF:

My Community

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO:

Explorer’s Name
TLX Member

Year
Dear TLX Team Explorer,

Hi! This is Shelby, Emilio, Jill, and Amir. We are the team leaders for TLX Explorers. We have been instructed to build a team of top-notch explorers to go on a special mission. Our records show that you have demonstrated excellent exploring and research skills. So congratulations! YOU have been chosen for this awesome adventure!

We are creating a time capsule project about communities like yours so that future generations can better understand this amazing time in history. Around the U.S., students just like you are helping us complete this important project.

Your directions are simple. First complete this official TLX journal. You will have many weeks to fully complete your entries. Some pages will be used to record facts. Other pages have room for you to record your own findings and create artwork. When you finish your journal, your teacher will give you the okay to add it to the Time Capsule Project. Our hope is that you will keep your journal in a safe place and open it again in ten years. Imagine what will have changed in your community and what we can learn about our world! We know you will do an amazing job! Have fun exploring your community!

Good Luck!

The TLX Team Leaders
Check off the following assignments as you complete them.

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TLX ASSIGNMENT 1

TLX ASSIGNMENT 1 TEAM EXPLORER PROFILE

In order to help us keep up-to-date information on all of our explorers, please fill out the profile below.

My Name: ________________________________________________

My Age: ________________  My Birthday: _________________

Three interesting facts about me:

1. _______________________________________________________

2. _______________________________________________________

3. _______________________________________________________

Drawing of Me
UNIT 1

TLX ASSIGNMENT 2

WHERE ARE YOU?

Please make a drawing of the state that you are exploring. Do not forget to mark the capital and the community that you are exploring. At the bottom of the page is a place for you to record information about the state and community.

I am exploring ____________________________________________________.

The capital of my state is ____________________________________________.
The population of my state is ________________________________________.
My community is called ____________________________________________.
My community is
  ○ rural       ○ suburban      ○ urban
UNIT 1

TLX ASSIGNMENT 3

WHAT IS THE WEATHER?

Please complete a climate and weather report on your community.

Today’s weather is ____________________________________________.
The temperature is ____________________________________________.
The season is ________________________________________________.
In the fall ____________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________.
In the winter ________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________.
In the spring ________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________.
In the summer ______________________________________________
______________________________________________________________.

Here is a picture of my favorite type of weather:
UNIT 1

TLX ASSIGNMENT 4

SPECIAL PROJECT FROM EMILIO

My aunt and uncle took me on a vacation to the Rocky Mountains. The trip was amazing! We do not have landforms like that where I live. What landforms shape your community? Is it flat like the plains? Does it have lakes like the Midwest? Describe the land where you live and create an image to go with your description.

The land in my community is ____________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Here is a picture of the land in my community:
Dear Community Leader,

Taking care of the earth is important to me. I recycle as much as I can. Write a letter to a community leader telling them why recycling in your community is important.

Sincerely,

TLX Team Explorer
Near my community there is a forest ecosystem that is home to the bog turtle. The bog turtle is my favorite animal but it is endangered! Do some research to find out about an important ecosystem near your community or in your state. Use this page to write about what you have learned.

I have researched a __________________________ ecosystem.

Three interesting facts that I found out:

1. __________________________

2. __________________________

3. __________________________

Here is a picture of the ecosystem that I researched:
UNIT 2

TLX ASSIGNMENT 7

SPECIAL PROJECT FROM EMILIO

During my travels to Angel Mounds in Indiana I got to see artifacts from the Mississippian culture of Native Americans. What interesting artifact might be found in your community in 1,000 years? What might explorers think it was used for?

This is a picture of a ___________________________________________.

In 1,000 years explorers might guess we used this to ____________

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________.
I have chosen to investigate the ___________________________.
The ______________________ lived in ________________________.
Here are some of their customs:
________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________
Here is a description of their shelter:
________________________________________________________________
Here is a description of their food:
________________________________________________________________
Here is a description of their family life:
________________________________________________________________
Three interesting facts that I discovered:
1. ______________________________________________________________
2. ______________________________________________________________
3. ______________________________________________________________
SPECIAL PROJECT FROM EMILIO

I just visited the Thomas Edison Birthplace Museum in Ohio. He invented or improved over 1,000 items! What invention could you create that would make life easier for people in your community? Create an advertisement for your new invention showing people how it makes life easier.
Someday, I would love to be a reporter for my local community newspaper. Write a sample newspaper article about an important change that has occurred in your community.
History is so interesting. Have you ever thought about the history of your community? Answer the following questions about your community’s history and use the space below to create a time line of the events.

What year was your community founded? ________________________

What year was your school built? ________________________________

What year was your house built? ________________________________

What year were you born? _____________________________________

What is another important community event that should appear on the time line? ______________________________________________

What year did this event take place? ______________________________

Community History Time Line
My favorite food in my community is __________________________________________.

Here is a picture of me eating my favorite food:

Here is a description of my favorite food in my community:

______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
SPECIAL PROJECT FROM SHELBY

I love to take art classes at my local recreation center. I am wondering what people in your community like to do for fun. Do they have parks or cool places to go? What do you like to do for fun? I would like a picture with your information.

My favorite thing to do for fun is ____________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

Here are the reasons why I think it is fun:
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
Some stories are fact, and some are fiction. You have heard the story of how Paul Bunyan carved out the features of the U.S. Of course that is just a tall tale. If you were writing a story about the beginnings of your community, what would it be?
The National Gallery of Art is a landmark in my community. It is one of my favorite places to go. Think of a landmark in your community and take a trip there. Report on your voyage and do not forget to include a picture of you on your trip!

I took a trip to ____________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

It is an important landmark because ________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Here is a picture of me on my trip:
SPECIAL PROJECT FROM EMILIO

I love to travel. In fact, I just got back from visiting my grandparents in Vera Cruz, Mexico. Design a community slogan and travel poster that will make people want to visit your community.

Community Slogan _____________________________________________
I just interviewed the owner of my favorite local restaurant for an article in my school newspaper. They explained a lot to me about making a profit in the restaurant business. Think of a local business person that you would like to interview and some questions that you could ask about their job. I have written some questions that you might be able to use. If you can, go out and conduct the interview! Be sure to write a thank you note to the person you interview.

Business person’s name ____________________________________________

What is their job? ________________________________________________

Where do they work? _____________________________________________

How long has this person been doing this job? ______________________

Three questions that I would like to ask:

1. __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

3. __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________
Your community needs money to pay for services. Money in Korea is called Won. If your community had its own money, what would it be called? What would it look like? Design new money for your community.

This is the front of my community’s money.

This is the back of my community’s money.

My community’s money is called ________________________________.

I chose that name because ____________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________.
SPECIAL PROJECT FROM SHELBY

In my community, we have an art store with a new paint set that I would like to buy. It will take me a while to save enough money but I made a budget. If you were to buy an item from a local business, what would it be? How much does it cost?

I would like to buy __________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

I could buy it from __________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

It costs ________________ .

Here is an image of the item that I would like to buy:
I am researching a farm that produces ____________________________.

The ___________________________ that this farm produces is used to ________________________________________________________________.

The farm is located

  ○ in my community  ○ close to my community  ○ far from my community

If I were creating an advertisement for the items produced by this farm, it would look like this.
SPECIAL PROJECT FROM EMILIO

You do not have to travel to learn about communities far away! Write a letter to a TLX team explorer in your sister community. Write about your travels so far and include something interesting that you have discovered about your community. If you do not have a sister community, choose a place that you find interesting.

Dear TLX Team Explorer,

Your Fellow TLX Team Explorer,
SPECIAL PROJECT FROM JILL

Someday I hope to be an elected leader in my community, my state, or even the United States! Who knows, maybe I will be the President! Identify a leader in your community or state and fill out the following report on what you have found.

Leader’s Name ____________________________________________

Leader’s hometown _________________________________________

Leader’s title ______________________________________________

How long has this leader held their title? _______________________

Where does this leader work?
_________________________________________________________________

What responsibilities does this leader have?

_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________

Would you like to have this leader’s position? Why or why not?

_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
UNIT 5

TLX ASSIGNMENT 23

SPECIAL PROJECT FROM AMIR

I would love to interview some of the government leaders who work in the Capitol in Washington, D.C. Your state has a capitol. Where is it and who works there? Please conduct an investigative report.

My state’s capitol is located ________________________________.

People who work at the capitol include ______________________
__________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________

My state’s capitol was built in the year ________________________.

Here is a picture of my state’s capitol:
Freedom of the press is guaranteed by law for all citizens. Some communities have additional laws for people who live there. Name two laws in your community. What is a law that you would make if you were a community leader?

Law Number One

This law is important because ____________________________________________________________


Law Number Two

This law is important because ____________________________________________________________


My Law

This law is important because ____________________________________________________________
UNIT 5

TLX ASSIGNMENT 25

SPECIAL PROJECT FROM JILL

I am running for class president. I know I can make our school a better place! If you were running for a leadership position in your community, what would you do to help make it a better place? What are your thoughts on leadership?

In my community a leader should ____________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

If I were a leader in my community, I would focus on __________
______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

I chose to focus on this issue because __________________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

If I were running for a leadership position, this is what my campaign sign would look like.
To be a good leader I think that you should be a good citizen. I volunteer at my local food pantry once a month. How could you volunteer to help your community? How could you get others to help? Think of a volunteer service that is or could be provided in your community. Write a letter to a fellow TLX team explorer explaining how this service helps the community and why they should volunteer.

Dear TLX Team Explorer,

Your Fellow TLX Team Explorer,
Dear TLX Team Explorer,

Congratulations! Your time capsule project is almost complete!

To finish your project, you will need patience. Find a safe place for this journal. Open it again in ten years and share it with other members of your community. What do you think will have changed? For fun, record your predictions on the next page and see how close you are!

You have proven to be an excellent explorer and teammate. We hope you had fun on your journey!

Sincerely,

Amir  Emilio  Jill  Shelby
MY COMMUNITY PREDICTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Explorer: _______________________________