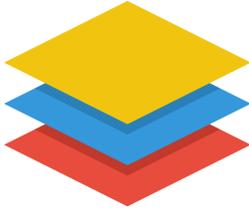


Personal Stratigraphy Game



You learned today that stratigraphy is layers in soil. Those layers represent time that has passed. Do you remember which layer will hold the oldest things in an excavation? The deeper you go, the older the soil and the artifacts get. This game will help you to understand what we mean.

Kit Materials:

- Pencil
- Post-It Notes

Instructions:

1. Think of 5-6 significant things that have happened in your life so far. First will probably be that you were born. The last might be that you turned whatever age you are now or that you finished whatever grade you finished in the spring. Other significant things might be if you moved to another town, recovered from an illness, got a pet, went on a special vacation, etc.
2. Write each of the significant things on a separate post-it note.
3. When you are finished, place your notes in a random order on a piece of paper. Hand it to someone else. Ask them to use a wall and place the events in order from first to last. Remember just like in archaeology, the event that happened first should be at the bottom and the event that happened most recently should be at the top.

This might work better if you play with someone other than a parent or sibling since they probably know the events in your life well. You could also ask a parent to do the same thing and have you put the events in order. This may be more difficult for you to figure out since you may not be as familiar with a parent/guardian's life events.

Always remember to put the things that happened the longest time ago on the bottom and the things that happened the most recently on top!