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Grandparents are one of the most treasured blessings we can give to our children. It is so delightful, to see the joy and sparkle in their eyes when they get to visit.

Some children are very lucky to live near their grandma and grandpa. Some, aren't as fortunate. For these kids, it can be sad sometimes. They aren't able to share things as consistently as their friends can.

There are wonderful ways for your parents' and your children, to stay in touch and really get to know each other. It's an important part of life for both parties' to be able to be involved with one another.

*Have your son or daughter keep a daily calendar. They can write what they do at school, the weather conditions, and even how they feel each day. Have grandma or grandpa do the same. Then, each month – they can exchange calendars through the mail! A great way to know how each other's days are going.

*Record cassettes or video tapes, and send them back and forth. Your kids can sing their favorite songs and read their favorite stories.

*Let your children memorize their grandparents' phone #. Let it be the one number they can call anytime without permission.

*Send pieces of art, school work and drawings.

*Grandma and Grandpa can have a special bond with your kids by sending them care packages every once in awhile. They can include mementos, educational tools and maybe a treat.

If you help cultivate a relationship like this, your children can learn valuable family morals and traditions. Not to mention wisdom! Don't deprive them from an important bond, just because they live in separate places. They just might carry the tradition on to their own grandchildren!

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Different Views Of Collecting Antiques

By Robert Michael

1. Sentimental value is one reason people collect antiques. My great aunt gave me a very old doll, a cupboard from one set of grandparents and my other grandparents gave me a ceramic parrot. We also have an antique cabinet record player, old various books and music from my husband's family. The stories that go with these things and who they belonged too are what make these antiques so special. When I visited my grandparents every summer I can remember playing house with the cupboard. My husband can remember listening to his grandma play the piano using the sheet music he now has.
2. For many years my in-laws had an antique business and their basement was filled with hundreds of interesting treasures. Without having to look it up they could tell you the worth of many items and knew the pricing for almost everything. Fixing pieces that were damaged has always been one of their passions. They did this as a way to restore something special from the past, not to get a better price for it.
3. Collecting antique games is something that our son has always loved. Another favorite thing of his to collect is antique books. He has found and collected different tiddly winks games from all over the world. He is interested in finding one that he doesn't have or is very different and is not concerned at its price.
4. The chase is part of the fun for many antique lovers. Going to different stores across the United States and roaming through hundreds of items is part of the fun.
5. Then there are those people who seldom buy any antiques but see this as a hobby. These people enjoy traveling around the country and seeing who has to offer what. Spending the weekend shopping antique stores while on vacation can be great fun.
6. When furnishing a home people might search for antiques. Adding only new furnishings to a room cannot offer that special touch that antiques will. Antiques originate from so many different time periods and this works well when someone needs just that little finishing touch for a room.
7. There are of course the dealers and sellers of antiques out there in the world. This group of people tend to be hard core and know how to buy antiques at just the right price without spending too much money. Pricing tends to be more important than the actual piece is.

Antiques can offer enjoyment for almost anyone.

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