

“Your mission, should you choose to accept it...” **assemble up to 100 pictures to succinctly describe your life.** Maybe Mr. Phelps had an easier task some weeks on Mission Impossible?

Selecting those 100 pictures is a Binder of a Lifetime (BoaL) goal. We list certain events and ideas for consideration in selecting your 100: pictures of you with parents, siblings, grandparents; neighborhood kids/friends; favorite pet; school pictures; favorite trip(s); wedding party; honeymoon; immediate family; enjoying a hobby; attending sporting events/concerts; at your favorite restaurant; ... A more exhaustive listing is [HERE**](#).

Limiting to 100 is tough. However, in this day and age, how long will people spend looking at your pictures? Even 10 seconds each on 100 pictures is an investment of over 15 minutes!

After creating your highlight pictures list, you're ready to assemble the pictures. Your “highlight reel” pictures will likely come in various formats depending on your age: petroglyphs (okay, maybe not THAT old), slides, prints, .jpg (digital photos) and other formats.

Don't worry - there are various ways to incorporate all formats together. By the time you're done, you'll likely have printed photos and slides scanned or photographed digitally (by you, a family member, friend or business) and create a digital photos folder. Or, for those who want to stay “old school,” hard-copy prints of all photos still works just fine.

An issue in viewing photographs years later is identifying who is in the picture, where it is and why it's important. Whether your pictures are printed or electronic, label the pictures with names, locations and dates (for digital pictures the file name can include names, place and date.)

Next, have some fun by sharing these with family members. Tell some stories about the photos and ask what pictures are missing that they'd expect to be in your final 100. That's the best part of this task – sharing the joy and journey that is your life!

Enjoy the day, the pictures and the memories!

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** DETAILS here: <http://binderofalifetime.longmemories.info/pictures/>