

I Want That!

Savvy Shopper Badge :
Step 2 – Look into why you want what you want

Materials Needed: Paper, Writing utensils, Coloring utensils, Construction paper, scissors, glue sticks, tape or whatever your imagination requires

Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between needs and wants.

Advertisers create exciting commercials to convince people to buy things they “need.” Or, a person might want something simply because their best friend has it. Think back on the needs and wants you discussed at the troop meeting. Now think about what needs and wants might have been in 1912 when Girl Scouting started. How do they think needs and wants might have been different then? Why do they think needs and wants are different now? To help you brainstorm, read a few of these facts:

- While many homes had electricity, it wasn't available in many rural areas and was more expensive in others.
- The first battery powered toy racing cars were invented. They ran on a track. The most popular toys of this time were teddy bears and toy trains.
- The first talking motion picture was produced in 1912. This was also the year Paramount Pictures and Universal Studios started.
- The company Sharp was founded. While it now produces electronics, its first product was the mechanical pencil.
- This was the first year toy surprises were put into Cracker Jack boxes.
- Cranberry sauce was first commercially canned in 1912.
- Oreos, Lifesavers, Morton's table salt, and Lysol were all introduced.
- Inventions of 1912: electric movie projectors, Dixie cups, electric traffic light and shopping bags.
- The ocean liner Titanic sunk on its first voyage.
- Books published in 1912: The Lost World By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Tarzan of the Apes by Edgar Rice Burroughs, Chronicles of Avonlea by L.M. Montgomery, and Robin Hood by Henry Gilbert.

Your Task: Design an item you think Junior Girl Scouts will want in the year 2112. Think about the future and imagine what Junior Girl Scouts will want in the year 2112. You can draw it below or use craft supplies to make your design 3-D.

At the next troop meeting you'll share your design with the group and explain why you think girls will want it. Will girls in the future be influenced by the same types of things as current girls? Will future girls want things for the same reasons that girls today do?