

London Card Explanation:

Image: I chose to use this picture because I think it is an image that people are familiar with and most know these people would be from London. I chose London because my parents are visiting there.

Postage: I included how much an airmail stamp would cost. Since I don't have a postmark, I made sure to include the date.

Writing: I pretended to be my parents writing from London. They are referring to the subway attacks that happened July 9. I chose this because my parents were actually over there and the whole family was scared since we couldn't contact them by phone (the phones were down). I mentioned Charles and Camilla, because they did see them, and it would give reference to the fact that they were together (they were married this year). I also mentioned teaching, to add to the personal history (I am a teacher). Finally, I had my parents remind me to be careful in the city here in America, because a lot of people were afraid attacks would happen here, probably because of 9/11 and that we are friends with England (they helped us fight both the war in Iraq and the invasion of Afghanistan).

Sweet Card Explanation:

Image: I chose this because it is a popular event in Champaign Urbana, during one of my favorite seasons-summer! It also defines us locally because not everywhere grows sweet corn. We depend on farming economically in this region.

Postage: I made sure to include how much a postcard stamp would cost so somebody could date the card. Since there is no postmark, I also included the date.

Writing: I mentioned the festival (why I sent the card) because I do normally go to this (who doesn't in Champaign?). I then mentioned a new car-a hybrid-to give a historical context...hybrids are the new thing as we try to find a different way to run cars besides oil and gas (both because of the lowered availability, and because it screws up the environment). It would give somebody a historical context of the time period I live in. I also mentioned the space shuttle launch, because it is an important first one after the last space shuttle blew up. It also shows that space exploration is important to my time.