

Time Travel Matrix – Teacher cheat sheet (see blank student Time Travel Matrix on next page)

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<i>Meet the Robinsons</i>	Spacecraft	Driver appears to whisk Lewis away into the future	To the year 2037 (with GM dinosaurs and so on)	To find his family and then he discovers that the future of the planet is in his hands	Not clear from the trailer	Finding family and saving the future	
<i>Back to the Future 1</i>	Delorean car turned time machine; reliance on plutonium	Accidental activation of the time machine at 88 miles per hour	From 1985 to 1955 and back	The purpose is only revealed at the time of departure from the present	He is unable to return unless he finds plutonium	His parents not falling in love; and Doc being murdered	
<i>Time Machine</i>	Time travel machine that 'catapults' traveller into the future	Searching for the fourth dimension out of curiosity	Up to 30 millions years forward in time	To discover the future	Time machine goes missing	Discovering that the future is bleak	
<i>Time (Tropfest)</i>	A specially hidden rock	He goes looking for evidence of time travel and an accident demands that he uses the rock	Both directions or in a cycle . . . chicken or egg scenario	To save the life of his mother	Not clear	Saving his mother and also demonstrating to his friends that time travel is possible	
<i>Playing Beatie Bow</i>	A green velvet dress and crocheted collar with initials A.T.	Abigail is curious about the furry girl and chases her into laneways of The Rocks	From 1970s to 1873 in The Rocks	Abigail discovers that she is the long awaited stranger who saves the family's 'gift'	Initially it is injury but then the dress is hidden by the grandmother	That Abigail manages to save an ancestor of the boyfriend she meets at the end of the novel	
Baby Swap:	This row is where students enter their ideas for a time travel mystery for Activity 6. Students are not required to write a narrative, complete with conclusion. The idea is that students discuss and create some original ideas for a narrative using the student matrix below.						

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