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# Designing Stamps

Postage stamps have been used in the United States since 1847. There are a variety of designs that can be found on postage stamps, such as historical figures and events and American symbols. For example, Benjamin Franklin was put on one of the very first stamps that was used in the United States. Take a look at some postage stamps below.



Today, you will imagine you are creating stamps that honor artifacts from Native Americans. It is your job to design three stamps and write an explanation about the meaning behind each stamp.

## Step 1: Plan Your Stamps

- Requirements for your stamp designs:
  - Has words or pictures that talk about artifacts from Native Americans.
  - The words and pictures should also be appropriate for the topic. For example, it wouldn't be appropriate to put a silly face on a stamp that talks about soldiers who fought during a war.
- Requirements for explanations:
  - Each description should be at least two sentences long.
  - Each description should explain why it is important to honor artifacts from Native Americans.
  - Each description should give information about why they chose this design to represent and honor artifacts from Native Americans.
- Use the boxes below to brainstorm ideas for your stamps.

Stamp One

Stamp Two

Stamp Three



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**Step 2: Design Your Stamps and Write Your Explanation**

**Stamp 1**

A rectangular box with a teal border. On the left side, there is a square area with a grey scalloped border, intended for a stamp design. To the right of this area are six horizontal black lines for writing an explanation.

**Stamp 2**

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**Stamp 3**

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