

# A POSTAGE STAMP ... A DRAWING ACTIVITY

Some postage stamps honor special events and people. Honor a person who has made a difference in your school life by designing a special postage stamp for him or her.

**Grades:** 1–3

**Duration:** 30 minutes

**Instructional Objective:** The students will use a paint/draw program to design a postage stamp in honor of a special person.

**Materials:** teacher-created computer template, page 69

**Computer Software:** *ClarisWorks* or *Microsoft Works*

## **Procedure:**

### **Before the Computer:**

Brainstorm a list of people in the school who help students. Discuss why these people are special and describe the ways that they help students. Explain that some postage stamps are designed to honor people for their accomplishments. Show the students examples of stamps that honor special people. Talk about why these people were honored. Help the students choose a person in the school to honor by designing a special stamp to commemorate his or her life.

### **On the Computer:**

Have the students use the paint/draw application to design a postage stamp that shows why their chosen person is special.

### **After the Computer:**

Have students share their postage stamps with the class.

### **Internet Link:**

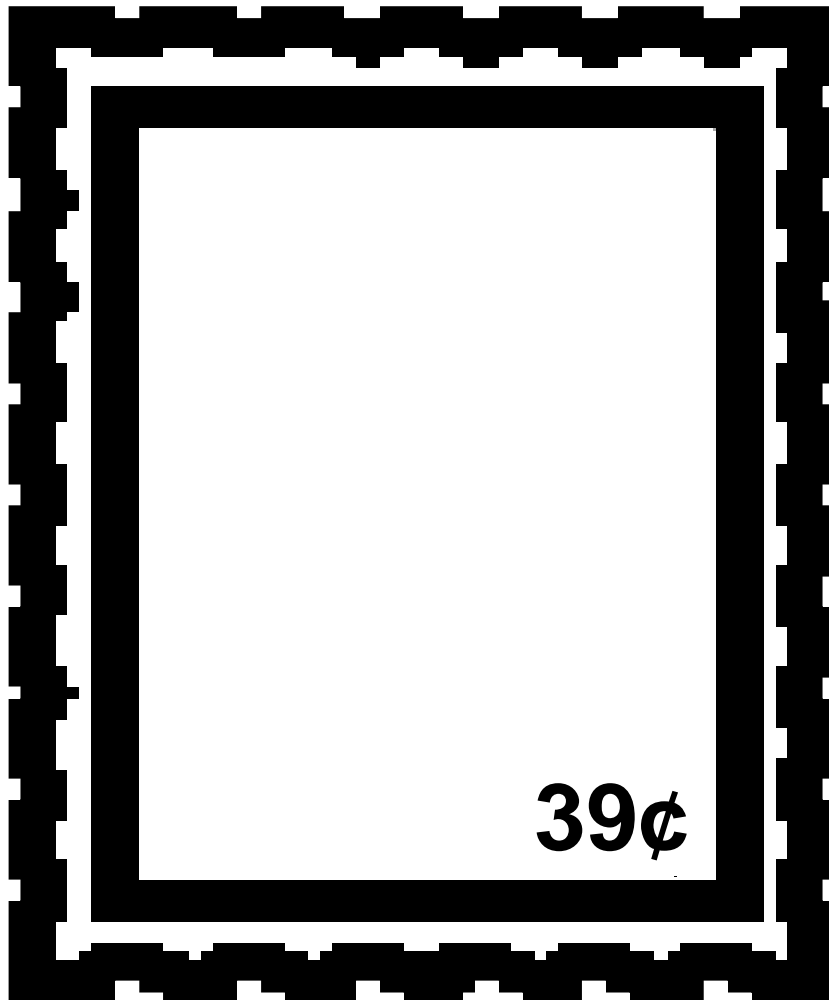
Stamp Images

<http://www.usps.gov/images/stamps>

### **Extended Activities:**

1. Design a postage stamp to honor yourself. Tell how you would want to be remembered on a postage stamp.
2. Design a postage stamp to honor your school.
3. Design a postage stamp to honor your community.

# POSTAGE STAMP TEMPLATE



How does the stamp show that the person is special?

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**Note:** Create this template in the drawing or painting application. Name this file Postage Stamp Template and save it as a stationery file. Students can use the paint/draw tools to design the stamp. If you write the question in a text box, students can type their answers on the screen. Each student should print his or her paper and then close the file without saving.