



Hero of the Year Stamp

You are a stamp designer and on the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee (the people who choose the designs for postage stamps in the US). This year, the postal service is going to make a collection of commemorative Hero stamps.

Many people have written about their heroes. Your job is to read about heroes and choose one that you think should be put on a Hero of the Year Stamp. Then, you need to design the stamp and convince the committee to approve it.

You will need to:

1. **Read** about heroes.
 - Use the following websites to read about heroes
 - i. The Time 100 Heroes
<http://www.time.com/time/time100/heroes/index.html>
 1. Click on the category you are interested in for a listing of people.
 - ii. My Hero (many different types) <http://www.myhero.com>
 1. Click on "Directory" for a list of categorizes.
 - iii. Heroism in the Modern World
<http://www.rev.net/~aloe/heroism/index.html>
2. Take **notes** on any four (4) people.
3. **Choose** one (1) Hero of the Year from the four you took notes on. This is a person you believe has positive character traits and is admirable for what he/she has done.
4. Write a **persuasive letter** asking the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee to choose this person to be commemorated on a stamp.
 - Check the WriteSource 2000 for the proper format of a business letter - pages 242-243.
 - Remember, in a persuasive letter, you need to convince the person to believe as you believe. In the introduction, explain what you hope to accomplish. The body should convince the Committee that this person is a great hero who should be honored. The conclusion asks for some action on the part of the committee.
5. Before you begin your stamp, make a **checklist** of items a stamp MUST have.
 - First go to http://www.usps.com/communications/news/stamps/2005/sr05_054.htm?from=bannercommunications&page=comstamps
 - Scan down to find the stamps with real people on them. Choose 4 different types of stamps to look at.
 - i. What items do all stamp need to have on them?
 - ii. What makes one stamp better or more attractive than another?
 - Make a checklist to evaluate your stamp when it is done. List the items that need to be included on a good stamp.

6. **Draw** an original stamp honoring the person who you believe should have a stamp created to honor him/her.
 - Use regular white paper to draw your stamp. It should NOT be stamp sized.
 - Follow the models of stamps you viewed previously. (Yes, it must be colored.)

7. **Turn in** ALL your work:
 - 4 graphic organizers filled in by you
 - persuasive letter convincing the Postal Committee to honor the person you choose
 - checklist of what makes a good stamp
 - drawing of an original stamp honoring the person you choose.

Due Dates:

Graphic Organizer Notes – September 19

Persuasive Letter – September 21

Stamp Checklist – September 24

Stamp, and turn in all work – September 26

This is a long-term project. You need to set small goals along the way. Don't try to accomplish everything the night before it is due.