



History of a Postage Stamp Worksheet 7



1840 The first postage stamp was the Penny Black issued by the United Kingdom with Queen Victoria on the stamp.

1847 The United States printed the first stamps. The first two featured George Washington and Ben Franklin.

1852 The first pre-stamped envelopes were sold. Nineteen years later the pre-stamped postal cards appeared.



1857 Perforated stamps were made. Therefore, the people didn't have to cut apart the sheets of stamps anymore.

1869 The U.S. used the first time pictorial stamps, stamps that show something else then dead person.



1918 The United States began airmail service. The people had to stick an airmail stamp on the envelope.



1962 The first U.S. Christmas stamp got produced.



1963 The Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP code) was introduced in the U.S. MR. ZIP was created to help people remember to use the ZIP code. He was printed on the margins of many U.S. stamps issued between 1964 and 1986.

1973 Valentine's Day "Love" stamps were produced the first time.

1974 The first self-adhesive stamp was issued. Those stamps do not require moistening in order to stick to the paper.

Today the U.S. post office sells many different types of stamps. The following are a few mentioned:



Express or special delivery stamps, are used when the mail needs to be delivered in the shortest time possible.



Commemorative stamps are limited runs designed for a special event.



Semi-postal /Charity stamps are stamps that cost more than normal stamps. The extra charge is given to charity organizations.

