



### Design a Stamp

- Inform students that the US Postal Service releases commemorative stamps to honor people who made a positive difference in the United States.
- Show students the Rosa Parks Forever Stamp, released on Parks’s 100th birthday.
  - **Ask:** Why do you think the USPS chose Rosa Parks to appear on a stamp?
- Instruct students to read about Civil Rights Organizations on [The Journal](#).
  - **Ask:** Which organization draws your interest? Explain.
- Provide students with the following materials:
  - copy or construction paper
  - general art supplies
- Instruct students to choose a prominent figure from one of the organizations to research. Then, have students design a stamp to represent that person. Stamps should include the following:
  - the person’s name
  - an illustration that shows an important event or moment from the person’s life
  - stamp edging (see Rosa Parks Forever Stamp for an example)
  - the words “USA | Forever” and the date
- On the back of their stamp, have students write one paragraph summarizing the role the person or organization played in the Civil Rights Movement.
- Display commemorative stamp designs around the classroom for students to view in a gallery walk.

#### Approx. Time



- 30 minutes

#### Learning Target



- I can identify the contributions of organizations and individuals to the Civil Rights Movement by designing a commemorative stamp.

#### Big Questions



- Why do you think the USPS chose Rosa Parks to appear on a stamp?
- Which organization draws your interest?

#### Materials



- copy or construction paper
- general art supplies
- [The Journal: Civil Rights Organizations](#)

#### Lesson Source



- [Building a Promise: History of the United States from 1865–Present](#)