

Requirement 2. Types of Collecting



Collecting World Stamps

- Collecting stamps from around the world can be a lot of fun, but rather challenging.
- There will be a lot of stamps that aren't pictured in the world albums.
- There will be stamps that you will never be able to get
 - too rare
 - too expensive



Books available
from
Mystic Stamp
Company



A page of
Great Britain
stamps

Notice the upside-down airplane?



This is a very famous error and is called the “Inverted Jenny” stamp (that model of airplane was called the “Curtiss Jenny”).

Only 100 copies are known to have ever existed.

At the most recent sale of a copy, the price was nearly \$500,000!

Also consider the number of countries in the world and that each issues several new stamps every year.

Despite the challenges, many people collect the world: anything and everything they can get their hands on!

Collecting by Country

- Collect stamps by the country of issue
 - Learn about a country's history, culture, famous people, currency, beautiful places and pop culture by collecting the stamps it issues
 - Pick a country in your family heritage
 - Consider limiting your collection to only certain years or only collecting used stamps
 - Also consider collecting used stamps – they are usually less expensive and were actually used in that country.
- Stamp albums work really well for country collections
 - Several companies issue country albums with annual updates
- Collect covers or other postal history from your country to enhance your collection.



Topical Stamp Collecting

- Collect stamps by a specific topic:
 - dogs, airplanes, scouts, presidents, art, sports, favorite places
- Pick a topic involving something you're interested in:
 - soccer, chess, or playing music
- Arrange stamps in your own way
 - should make sense to *you*
 - stock pages make it easy to arrange and re-arrange stamps





Examples of Topical Collections

Insects



Or just one type of insect, such as butterflies

Vegetables



Cars



Eagles



Or other kinds of birds, or birds in general

Ships



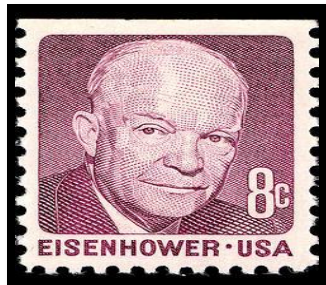
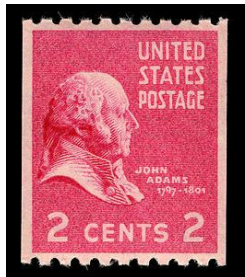
U.S. Flags



Or the flag of a country
you are interested in

Presidents

Or leaders of a country
you are interested in



Scouts

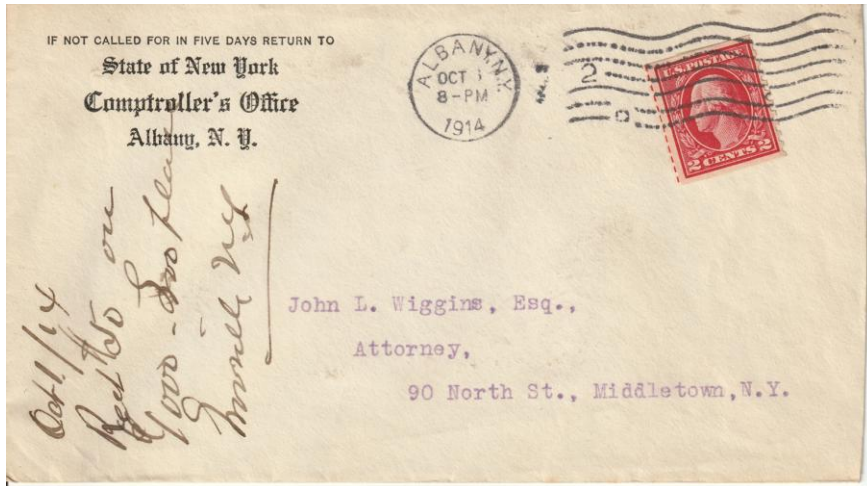


Triangles



Or other unusual shapes

COLLECTING POSTAL HISTORY



Collecting entire envelopes can show the route a mail piece took as well as additional services or other markings.

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Some covers
are created to
commemorate
special events.