

# Requirement 7. Do at least **TWO** of the following:

- A. -Design a stamp, cancellation, or cachet. **{Details follow}**
- A. -Visit a post office, stamp club, or stamp show with an experienced collector. Explain what you saw and learned. **{Details follow}**
- A. -Write a review of an interesting article from a stamp newspaper, magazine, book or Web site (with your parent or guardian's permission). **{Details follow}**
- A. -Research and report on a famous stamp-related personality or the history behind a particular stamp.
- A. -Describe the steps taken to produce a stamp. Include the methods of printing, types of paper, perforation styles, and how they are gummed.
- A. -Prepare a two- to three-page display involving stamps. Using ingenuity, as well as clippings, drawings, etc., tell a story about the stamps, and how they relate to history, geography, or a favorite topic of yours. **{Details follow}**

# Requirement 7a: Design a stamp, cancellation, or cachet.

This can be from a fictitious place.

Some people do this.

Cancellation:

A mark applied to a stamp to prevent its reuse.

Many postal services create special cancellations for special events or to spread a message (such as “Use ZIP Codes!”)

Cachet:

Pronounced “Cash-ay”

A design on an envelope (called a “cover” in collecting circles) usually for a special event or some theme related to the stamp.

Requirement 7b: Visit a post office,  
stamp club, or stamp show

Review the next two slides for additional  
information.

Remember to follow all of Scouting  
America's Youth Protection guidelines during  
your visit!

# SUGGESTIONS: STAMP CLUBS

Hagerstown Stamp Club

Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM

Washington County Free Library, Hagerstown, MD

Learning About Stamps Online (LASO)

On Line meetings and presentations 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM

Register: <https://learningaboutstamps.org/programs/>

Frederick Stamp Club

Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM

Walkersville United Methodist Church Walkersville, MD

Ask me for details (be sure to include a parent or guardian)

You can also search on line for stamp clubs in your area

\*\*\*All of this with a parent or guardian's permission and inclusion\*\*\*

# STAMP SHOW CALENDAR

<https://stamps.org/events/events-calendar>

This site links to the American Philatelic Society (APS), an organization of stamp collectors mainly in the US, but also has members around the world. This particular page lists shows around the country. You do not need to be an APS member to access this information.

Shows basically involve dealers selling stamps and related items (“bourse”).

Some shows will also have exhibits of materials that collectors have assembled and researched.

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# Requirement 7c: Write a Review of an Interesting Article

Here are a few sources for some articles you could review. You can also search for others on your own.

<https://stampandstories.blogspot.com/>

<https://www.stanleygibbons.com/collecting-stamps/dispatches>

<https://thestampforum.boards.net/board/565/stamp-forum-newsletter>

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## Requirement 7f: Prepare a Two- to Three-page Display of Stamps

Here's a hint:

If you want to do this option and don't have other stamps to use, you can use leftover stamps from Requirement 8d and/or stamps from Requirement 3 after they have served the original purpose.