

## **Immigration and Ellis Island Stamp Project**

Throughout this unit, we have been discussing the history of immigration and Ellis Island as well as the contributions of immigrants to the United States. The United States has printed millions of different stamps celebrating and commemorating important events and people in our history, including immigrants. Now, it's your turn to create your own immigration and Ellis Island stamp.

**Part 1:** As a class, read and discuss [this article](#) about stamps.

**Part 2:** Plan your stamp.

- Visualize something you have learned about immigrants or Ellis Island that you want to show on your stamp.
  - E.g. the journey to America, seeing the Statue of Liberty for the first time, etc.
- Think of a message for your stamp to illustrate.
  - E.g. freedom, work, safety, families together.
- Use books, texts, and photographs from the unit to research your idea.
- Plan a picture for your stamp that people would recognize and associate with immigration or Ellis Island.
  - E.g. A torch, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Immigrants arriving, etc.

**Part 3:** Execute your stamp.

- Sketch your idea on to a draft paper, planning the colors you will use,
- Revise, edit, and add to your picture until you are satisfied with the end result and it displays your best work.

**Part 4:** Finalize your stamp.

- Sketch your stamp on your final paper.
- Color your stamp and add any words you need to add.
- Write over any words with a fine tip Sharpie marker.

**Part 5:** Write a Caption.

- Write a paragraph about what your stamp represents.

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Here are some examples of finished stamps from different units.

