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A Special Honor

Sometimes, many people admire a person. They want to honor that person. One way to honor a person is to put their picture on a stamp.

The United States printed its first postage stamp in 1847. The first five-cent stamp showed Benjamin Franklin. The first ten-cent stamp showed George Washington.

Stamps honor all kinds of people. They honor artists and writers. They honor soldiers and teachers. Do you have sports heroes? How about people in music? They may be on stamps.

Anyone can ask the Post Office to honor someone with a stamp. Is there someone you would like to honor? Write a letter. Send the letter to the Postmaster General. Give the person's full name. Tell when the person was born. Also, tell when the person died. The person cannot be alive. Tell why you admire the person.

A group of citizens reads the letters. They may have to read thousands of them. The group talks about the people. They tell the Postmaster what they think. He or she picks the person.

Who knows? It will take at least three years. But perhaps your person will be chosen for a stamp.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
2. How are people chosen for the special stamps?