

HERITAGE STAMP CONTEST

A project of the Greater Vernon Museum & Archives

FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 3 - 9

TO THE TEACHER:

The Greater Vernon Museum & Archives is announcing its **5th Annual Heritage Stamp Contest**.

This year the contest will run from **October 11 to November 16**. All entries must be received by **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 2011**.

Included is a lesson plan you may want to follow. It is completely up to you. Also included are copies of the 2 stamp choices students can use as well as the entry form.

TO THE STUDENTS:

Designing a stamp can be fun! Just think about your heritage and what it means to you. Not sure? Then talk to your friends, family, and teachers - or think about the Historical Minutes you may have seen on TV. Let your imagination take over!

Your stamp design can be anything you want it to be as long as it has a Canadian heritage theme. It might be an old building, one of your ancestors, a landscape, an animal, your favourite Canadian hero, an important historical event, or even a collage of items.

Be as creative as you want to be, but be sure you use bright colors and solid lines so it stands out. Simple designs work best.

Let's see what YOU can do! Good luck and have fun! Remember, your stamp entry must be in to the museum by **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011**.

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Project Guidelines

AIM: To celebrate our Canadian Heritage. Students research and produce a Canadian postage stamp that depicts an element of British Columbia or Canadian heritage. This could be a starting point for a Heritage Fair project that will be held **April 13th, 2012**. Competition is open to all students in grades 3 – 9.

OUTCOMES:

Students will:

- select a significant or interesting B.C. or Canadian event, symbol, landscape or person as the subject of their stamp.
- illustrate the chosen topic on the provided template with a drawing or painting.
- research information about the topic and write a short paragraph on its relevance to British Columbia or Canadian heritage.

PROCESS:

- bring in some postage stamps or a book on stamp collections
- brainstorm what heritage is and which people, places, symbols and events are significantly relevant to B.C. or Canadian heritage
- discuss the history of stamps in Canada ~ eg. When was the first stamp created and used in Canada?
- provide students with time and resources to research their chosen topic
- photocopy, single sided, and distribute copies of the provided templates for students create their postage stamp
- encourage the use of strong, bright colours.
- photocopy and distribute copies of the Heritage Stamp Competition Form for students to complete the information and write a short paragraph about the topic they have chosen expressing how the subject matter is relevant to B.C. or Canadian heritage
- create a classroom display of the finished Heritage Stamps to celebrate the students' work
- all entries will be accepted
- submit the Heritage Stamps and forms to the **Vernon Museum** by **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011.**
- **please mount submissions on 9x12 coloured construction paper or cardstock with the 'stamp' on one side and the 'registration form' on the other**

*******SIX stamp entries** will be chosen to use on posters for advertising and on invitations for VIP's to the Vernon & District Heritage Fair in April. Each of these winners will receive a certificate and a set of 5 cards featuring their design. **One** of the six winning designs will be chosen as the design for the shirts to be distributed to student participants at the 5th Annual Vernon & District Heritage Fair in April.

For more information contact the GVMA's Education Department at **542-3142**.