

Design a New TV Show Stamp

In 2009 the U. S. Postal Service released a sheet of stamps entitled “TV Early Memories,” commemorating television shows from the 1950s and 60s. The front of each stamp had a picture from the show. The back of the sheet of stamps had a paragraph about each program.

Each paragraph was only 2-3 sentences (about 70 words) long. Those sentences, however, conveyed a great deal of information about the series to readers who saw them in reruns, if at all. Not a single word was wasted.

Let us pretend that the U. S. Postal Service wants to release a similar sheet of stamps in the year 2049. What programs of today might they commemorate, and what might they say? Here are some suggestions to get you started:

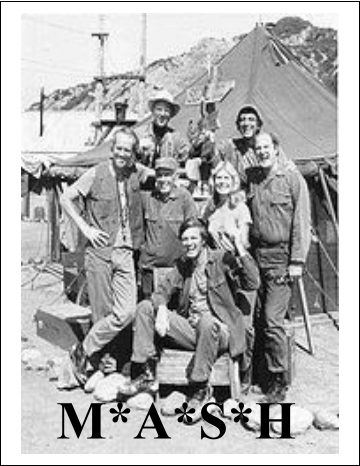
- *Punk’d*
- *Survivor*
- *SpongeBob SquarePants*
- *Law and Order*
- *Oprah*
- *Dancing with the Stars*

Your task is to design both the front and back of the stamp. What information would you put on the back of the sheet? What picture would you put on the front?

Start by researching the program. Write about the most memorable parts, and remember to convey as much information as possible. Your text must be between 65 and 70 words long.

Then choose a picture based on the text that you write. You can copy and paste one from the web or you can draw one of your own.

The final product should look like this:

	<p><i>M*A*S*H</i> tells the story of Dr. Hawkeye Pierce (Alan Alda, seated in stamp art) and other members of a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital stationed in Korea during wartime in the early 1950s. Initially a dark situation comedy, the series evolved into more serious drama as actors and writers departed and were replaced over 11 seasons. The finale, “Goodbye, Farewell and Amen,” remains the most-watched episode in American television history.</p>
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An excellent project provides useful information concisely, observes writing conventions, includes a design for the stamp, and cites sources as needed.