

Postage Stamps on Specific Topics H 1945

BACKGROUND: Until 1993, works about the portrayal of specific subjects on postage stamps were entered under the heading **Postage-stamps-Topics-[name of topic]**. Because this was an awkward construction and because the subfield coding could be confusing, especially when the topic portrayed is the name of a place, this heading was replaced in 1993 by the natural language phrase **[topic] on postage stamps**, or, in the case of topics that are tagged 100, 110, 111, 130, or 151, by headings of the type **[topic]-On postage stamps**. The latter formulation is used so that the tagging of the basic heading does not change to 150. These headings are not to be divided by place, because the resulting construction would be ambiguous as to whether the place refers to the location of the topic or the place of issue of the stamps. The latter place may be brought out by assigning an additional heading. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for constructing and assigning headings of this type.

1. Topics portrayed on postage stamps. For works about the portrayal of a specific topic on postage stamps, establish a subject heading according to the following model:

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150 ## $a [topic] on postage stamps
550 ## $w g $a Postage stamps
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Do not divide these headings by place.

2. Individual persons, corporate bodies, meeting, uniform titles, or places portrayed on postage stamps. For works about the portrayal of entities tagged 100, 110, 111, 130, or 151 on postage stamps, assign the free-floating subdivision **-On postage stamps** under the heading for the entity. *Examples:*

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600 10 $a Presley, Elvis, $d 1935-1977 $x On postage stamps.
610 20 $a United Nations $x On postage stamps.
611 20 $a Woodstock Festival $d (1969 : $c Bethel, N.Y.)
        $x On postage stamps.
630 00 $a Bible $x On postage stamps.
651 #0 $a New York (N.Y.) $x On postage stamps.
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Do not further subdivide these headings by place.

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3. *Place of issue.* If the work is limited to postage stamps issued in a specific place, and it is useful to bring out the place, do so by assigning the additional heading **Postage stamps-** [*place*], or, if appropriate, a more specific heading such as **Commemorative postage stamps-**[*place*].

4. *Examples.*

Title: Ships on stamps.

650 #0 \$a Ships on postage stamps.

Title: The Woodstock catalogue of British Elizabethan postage stamps.

600 00 \$a Elizabeth \$b II, \$c Queen of Great Britain,
\$d 1926- \$x On postage stamps \$v Catalogs.
650 #0 \$a Postage stamps \$z Great Britain \$v Catalogs.

Title: Rotary International on stamps.

610 20 \$a Rotary International \$x On postage stamps.

Title: American history through United States stamps.

651 #0 \$a United States \$x History \$x On postage stamps.
650 #0 \$a Postage stamps \$z United States.