

Objective

To create a stamp to celebrate UN Day.

Activity

Materials:

Photocopies of page 18, drawing equipment

Procedure:

Stamps are often used to commemorate a special event. For example, a stamp was issued in Canada earlier this year to mark the United Nation's International Youth Year (figure #1). The UN itself issues stamps, and those shown are in honour of International Youth Year (figure #2), World Communications Year 1983 (figure #3), the World Food Programme (figure #4) and the 35th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (figure #5).

Using the photocopies of page 18, have students create their own stamp to celebrate UN Day.

You may want to talk about the Universal Postal Union (UPU), which is part of the UN system (reference: *Basic Facts About the United Nations*).

In the Resources section, you will find details for ordering a sample collection of stamps from the UN.

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To understand what the UN does and how Canada is involved in it.

Activity

Materials:

UN 40th poster, globe or map of the world.

Procedure:

Turn to the Photo Review section on page 23. Here is presented a brief description of some key events over the past 40 years of the United Nations, with an emphasis on the involvement of Canadians. The photographs of these events make up the UN 40th poster accompanying this booklet.

Using the poster, explain to students what the various photographs represent. Then have them find the location of each year's event on a globe or map.

In a follow-up discussion, you might want to introduce the idea that the UN has become the voice of humanity and of the planet, noting that it was formed to try and keep the world at peace.