

WebQuest Eddie Rickenbacker Postage Stamp

Introduction

In 1995, an Eddie Rickenbacker postage stamp was issued in his honor by the United States Postal Service. You will have the opportunity to explore Eddie Rickenbacker's life to learn about his many accomplishments and then to create a pretend postage stamp to illustrate one of his greatest achievements.

Process

Step 1

You will need a journal or other notebook to take notes and make sketches as you visit each Web site.

Step 2

Visit each of the Web sites listed below to learn details about Eddie Rickenbacker's life.

Web Sites:

[The Aerodrome: Eddie Rickenbacker](#) (Click [postage stamp](#) to see the real one.)

[Eddie Rickenbacker](#)

[US Air Force Museum—World War I History Gallery](#)

[Trenches on the Web: Bio \(Eddie Rickenbacker\)](#)

[Tuvalu: The Rescue of Eddie Rickenbacker](#)

[Grand Prix.com: Speedway Ace](#)

Step 3

After you visit each site, take some time to think about other events in Rickenbacker's life that you learned about while reading the book. Write about and/or sketch pictures of those events in your notes.

Step 4 After you have completed your research, pick **one** achievement from your notes and illustrate it on a piece of paper. Draw a frame around the illustration so it looks like a large stamp. Your stamp might showcase one of Eddie's acts of bravery or one of his accomplishments in aviation or auto racing.

Conclusion: Things to Think About

Why do you think Eddie Rickenbacker was honored with a postage stamp? Who are some other people that you think should be honored with stamps? Why?