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## **Educational Aspects of stamp collecting**

Every stamp tells a story. Some stories are simple, such as a number indicating how much the stamp cost. There is a little artwork in every stamp, and in most stamps there is a lot of artwork. This article however is about the subject matter, and how it opens a door to further investigation and learning.

The Statue of Liberty, or a portion thereof, has appeared on at least 47 different stamps according to Scott Specialized Catalog of the United States Stamps and covers ("Scotts" for short). Some of those Scott listings are basically the same stamp, but with different formats such as sheets, coils, booklets, and souvenir sheets. Some vary only by microprinting, perforation type, perforation count, tagging, large hole and small hole perforations, or colors. Stamps printed using different presses, such as the flat plate press, the rotary press, and the Giori press, "wet" printing and "dry" printing have all resulted in minor changes in the stamps, thus resulting in different Scott listings. In addition to stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards were issued featuring the statue, or a part of the statue. Plate blocks and first day covers, as well as unusual covers are highly collected. The upper half of the statue, the head of the statue has been frequently featured, as well as the hand and torch --- and the arm, hand and torch --- have also been featured.

The 3 cent, deep violet color, Liberty Series definitives issued in 1954, Scott 1035, 1035e, 1057, and 1057c had billions of stamps printed. One particularly attractive version of the statue's head was Scott 2224. This was a "joint" issue with France, which issued its own stamp featuring the same design. Those stamps are shown on the next page, along with a series of facts about the statue. This one subject, very commonly appearing on stamps, with just a little research, opens up a very large amount of history and information. See how much you already knew!

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