

STAMPING OUT SMOKING

STUDY GUIDE

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<https://csts.ua.edu/stamps/>

QUESTIONS

1. Which country issued the first anti-smoking postage stamp?
ANSWER: <https://www.trussel.com/stamps/smoking/czech2.htm>
2. Which country issued the first stamped postcard?
ANSWER: <https://www.trussel.com/stamps/smoking/poland4.htm>
3. How many countries have issued anti-smoking postage stamps?
4. Name five countries that have issued an anti-smoking stamp.
5. Name three major countries that have not issued an anti-smoking postage stamp.
6. The effort by medical and public health groups in the U.S. to persuade the U.S. Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to recommend an anti-smoking postage stamp has been unsuccessful. What event did advocates of the stamp wish to commemorate?
7. What reason did the U.S. Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee give Dr. James Lutschg in the 1980s for turning down his request to have an anti-smoking commemorative stamp?
8. Over the past 50 years, several stamps issued by the United States Postal Service to honor artists, writers, musicians, and elected officials featured images that were altered from the original photographs. What was removed?
ANSWER: <https://www.linns.com/news/us-stamps-postal-history/no-smoking-policy-on-u-s--stamps-includes-removal-of-cigarettes.html>
9. Some countries have issued stamps that show syringes, pills, and illegal drugs in addition to cigarettes. What is the message being sent about smoking?
ANSWER: Smoking is a form of drug abuse.
10. In addition to postage stamps that warn about the adverse health consequences of smoking, what other problem with smoking has been the subject of a stamp?
ANSWER: Fire, etc.

FURTHER READING AND RESOURCES

<https://www.trussel.com/stamps/smoking/nosmoke.htm>

<https://www.trussel.com/stamps/smoking/antismok.htm#chrono>