Put Your Stamp on China: A WebQuest

Your Task: The United States Postal Service has decided to issue a collection of stamps based upon ancient Chinese culture. Your company has been awarded the design contract and now must come up with a set of 4 commemorative stamps. It is the job of your design team to research prospective designs, provide historical information of each design, as well as why your team believes the design is a good representation of Chinese culture, create an original design/representation, and prepare an overall design board to showcase the designs.

The Process:

For this project you will be choosing topics to research, deciding what would be the best representations of Chinese culture, compiling your data, designing original artwork and preparing a display to showcase all of your hard work. The process will go as follows…

1. Choose roles for each member of your group. You should have someone responsible for each of these areas.
   - Research director
   - Artistic director
   - Design Board director
   - TTM-Team Task Master

2. Choose 4 of the areas below that you would like to research and create an original stamp design for.

3. Research each area and log your research information on the link for the TEMPLATE.

4. Create an original design for your stamp. Your design must be at least 8” x 8” so it may be clearly seen on your design board.

5. Neatly type and arrange your information so that it may be displayed with your original stamp design on your final project design board.

6. Put together a board that displays your original stamp design next to the information you have written based on your research. Give your board a title and make it colorful. Remember the United States Postal Service has paid your company a lot of money for this project and they are expecting wonderful displays to show the public the new Commemorative Chinese Culture Stamps!
**Your Research:** The design team has some basic knowledge about ancient China, but for the purposes of your contract you must research designs and provide that information for each design you create. Some of the topics you may want to choose from, but are not limited to, are listed below. To access the information, hold CTRL + click on the picture. Remember, when researching we gather information to share later IN OUR OWN WORDS! A template (worksheet) has been provided so that you may organize your information. Remember you must research and have a design for at least 4 items.

### Research Topics

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Use this template to help you organize your research.  [TEMPLATE](#)
**Evaluation:** Your project will be evaluated according to the following rubric. *Put Your Stamp on China Grading Rubric* Use the rubric to guide your team as they work. It will give you a visual understanding of the requirements and how you will be graded.

To view an example of a design board click on this link. The following design board is for an Ohio Commemorative Stamp!

![Design Board](image)

**Conclusion:**

Hopefully after completing this Web quest you will have a better understanding of the complex culture of ancient China. As we move on to study other ancient civilizations, you will be able to see the influences that China had on the rest of the world!