



Words

Special Activity

Osmo GENIUS HOLIDAYS MONTH

Visit the Special Holidays Museum

Spell words and dance your way through an epic museum party! Tap on each object to learn more about it.



Hints

To get started, open Osmo Words and then tap on this special button.

WIN
Special Costumes!



Genius Spotlight: Synthia Saint James



Did you know you probably get art delivered right to your mailbox every day? Yep, we're talking about postage stamps! A lot goes into the design and production of these tiny, sticky masterpieces. And, as symbols of our nation, they carry a lot of meaning, too.

In 1997, the United States Postal Service was looking for an artist to design its first Kwanzaa stamp. After seeing the cover of the children's book "The Seven Days of Kwanzaa," they reached out to its illustrator, Synthia Saint James.

Spell all words to unlock a special Crown!

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More about: Synthia Saint James

Synthia was a longtime visual artist and author, but she had never created art like this before. The USPS needed her design to be only 4.5"x5.5", so it could be shrunk to stamp size easily. Using her signature vibrant colors, Synthia managed to fit all seven symbols of Kwanzaa into her picture: the seven candles, candle holder, unity cup, placemat, crops, corn, and gifts.

318 million stamps were printed using this design!

In 2016, Synthia was asked to create another Kwanzaa stamp. She is celebrated for showcasing the joys of Kwanzaa and African-American culture to the entire United States. That's a big accomplishment for such a tiny piece of art!



Synthia's first Kwanzaa stamp, from the Smithsonian's Postal Museum

Illustrate Your Own Postage Stamp!

Create an image that pays tribute to the holiday(s) you celebrate this time of year, like Synthia did for Kwanzaa. Use the outlines here and whatever drawing tools you want.

Just make sure your artwork includes the following, which the Postal Service puts on every stamp!

- USA
- Forever
- The current year (2021)

