

The Stamps of the Chinese Revolution

Observe the details of each stamp, particularly the graphics and the dates. Like so many other stamps, these examples contain a wealth of political and historical information.

A web site has been constructed to show the pictures in large-scale colour at http://www.fvdes.com/stamps/chinaweb/china_education_stamps.htm

A.



a1. This 1952 stamp has the date "1949.1.10". Which event is the stamp commemorating?

a2. Which leader is being honoured in the upper left-hand corner?

B.



b1. Which epic event does this 1955 stamp commemorate? (Hint: Look at the dates in the lower-right corner.)

b2. How does the artist portray this event as both difficult and noble?



C.

c1. This stamp is honouring the 25th anniversary of which organization?

c2. Which three branches of this organization are represented here?

D.



d1. Which economic change is China promoting with this stamp?

d2. How can you tell this?

E.



e1. Which political principle do you think is being promoted in this stamp? Explain.

F.



f1. Why would China have a stamp that commemorates Lenin?

G.



g1. These stamps feature which two leaders? _____

g2. What political message was being sent with these stamps?

g3. How might these stamps help explain the later Sino-Soviet split?

H.



h1. The two flags represent the United Nations and which country?

h2. Why would these two flags be flying side-by-side? _____

h3. When did this special relationship end? _____

Why did it end? _____

