

Around the World

Design a postcard

Postcards often include a picture on the front of a special place, landscape or building. Decide which Ely across the world you will design your postcard for & write a short message on the back to let your friends or family know what you've been doing on your visit there.

Small cards with messages have been created and posted by people since the beginning of postal services. The earliest known picture postcard was a hand painted design on card created by the writer Theodore Hook. Hook posted the card, which bears a penny black stamp, to himself in 1840 from Fulham in London. Some people think he might of done it as joke as the image he painted on the front was of post office scribes working!



Postcards became very popular in the early 19th century as a way to send messages & they were produced, and collected, as souvenirs. They were particularly popular mementos to collect or send from the seaside.

During World War I, postcards were used by soldiers to send messages home. They were also used as propaganda by the government, and as a good way to boost the mood of the troops at the Front too.



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Design your picture & write your message below
