

French Postage Stamps (Timbre-Poste) showing The Statue of Liberty



1927



1936



1939

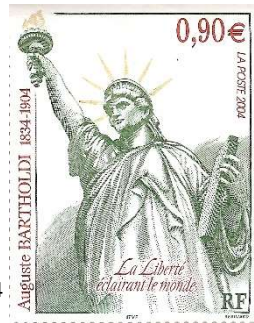


1959

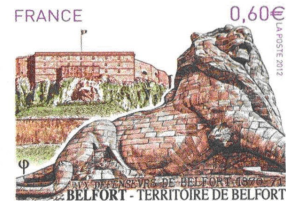
Liberté
1886-1986



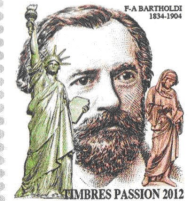
1986



2004



2012



With sincere appreciation to club members Gilbert Miclo and Christian Meyer (France) and Bob Weaver (USA) for research and material assistance. Information about these stamps can be found on the reverse of this card. Additional French stamps have been issued to commemorate Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi and monuments he designed and built in France.

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1927: 90^c cents and 1^F Franc+50 cents French - Issued for two 1927 events: The American Legion's National Convention in Paris and Lindbergh's Trans-Atlantic Flight. Busts of Lafayette (left) and Washington (right) are featured. Central area icons are The Spirit of St. Louis, The Statue of Liberty and the Steamship Leviathan used by Legionnaires to cross the Atlantic. www.legion.org/library/3409/1927-national-convention-paris

1936-1937: 50^c and 75^c 'Charity Stamps'; a surtax (+25 and +50 cents) was added to French postage. This surtax was designated for political refugees ("AIDE AUX REFUGIES" ~ "Aid For Refugees"), specifically refugees from Spain's Civil War (1936 - 1939). Liberty's tablet reads "FRATERNITÉ".

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1939: 2^F 25 and 2^F 50 - French Pavilion at the 1939 New York World's Fair

1959: 30^F - Bartholdi is honored on the 125th anniversary of his 1834 birth. Bartholdi's stamp is one of a French series of 6 stamps honoring notable Frenchmen. The stamp's surtax (+10^F) was reportedly donated to the Red Cross.

1986: 2,20 (Francs) - The Centennial Year of The Statue of Liberty. A 2,50 Francs postal card was also issued using this design. The identical Liberty image was used by the United States on its 1986 Centennial Year 22 cent stamp.

2004: 0,90 € (Euro) - Honoring the 100th anniversary of the death of Frederic Auguste Bartholdi.

2012: 0,60 € - Commemorates Belfort where the Lion of Belfort resides, a French monument designed and built by Bartholdi. The attached 'label' features Bartholdi, the Statue of Liberty and Bartholdi's statue of Martin Schongauer. The 'label' is an unusual appendage for a stamp and is not needed for the postage stamp to be official.

A February 2017 Internet article provides an interesting brief history of 'How stamps mark the long-term friendship between France and the United States' with 9 pictures of French issued Franco-American related stamps, see:

<http://www.linns.com/news/world-stamps-postal-history/2017/february/french-stamps-mark-long-term-friendship-with-united-states.html#>

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