

THE MOST POPULAR HOBBY IN THE WORLD

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INTRODUCTION

"The hobby of kings and the king of hobbies", "The hobby of kids and kings". Both of these slogans define stamp collecting perfectly.

Stamp collecting, the most popular hobby in the world, or, to use its scientific name, Philately, is, according to a recent survey, the most popular hobby among boys and the second most popular hobby among girls. One well known writer and collector said that least ninety per cent of all boys get the "bug" sometime in their lives.

Yes, stamp collecting, the only hobby that takes you traveling around the world everytime you look at your stamps. The hobby that never ends, there is always something to do. The hobby that gives you hours of never ending pleasure as you leaf through the pages of your album. As you look at your stamps, you see maps of other lands, pictures of rulers, scenes of different countries, heroes, cities, churches, numerals, plus, hundreds of other things. Every stamp, no matter what the value, has some bit of history to go with it.

Stamp collecting is being encouraged by some schools and universities as a way to learn geography, almost without effort.

This term paper is arranged to give the novice a history of stamps, some pictures of rare stamps and their stories, plus much other information.

As you read this term paper, I hope you get as much out of it and as much enjoyment out of it, that I did while writing it.