

# ALFRED NOBEL: EXPLOSIVES AND POSTAGE STAMPS

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Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite and other explosives left most of his fortune to endow the annual Nobel Prize awards in the disciplines of physics, chemistry, literature, physiology or medicine, and peace. Sweden issued a number of stamps related to Alfred Nobel and the Nobel Prizes.



Other countries also commemorated Nobel and his invention.



In 2001, Sweden commemorated the 100th anniversary of the first Nobel Prizes awarded by issuing stamps depicting Nobel and the actual medals.

A number of stamps have been issued by different countries showing miners drilling the ore body in underground mines to fill the holes with explosives for exploitation.



A number of stamp showing fireworks were issued in USA and Canada.



Alfred Nobel has been recognized by Switzerland for his contribution in constructing tunnels and by Turkmenistan for his and his associates in developing the petroleum industry in the country.

Postage stamps are important means of communication and many countries have recorded important events, honoured worthy individuals, and described interesting facts through this medium. Many historical facts, sometimes obscure, can be found on stamps; some of these may not be easily located in a history or a science book. Stamps have artistic value, they are created by artists. Stamps are also a means for propagating culture: music, painting, sculpture, nature, etc. They are used every day and can be found everywhere.



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