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Design Your Own License Plates

The first license plates were made in 1901 in New York. The plates were made by the vehicle owners and most often had their initials. It was not until 1903 that the first state issued licenses were distributed in Massachusetts and were made out of ceramic. In 1921, West Virginia made the first stamped metal plates because they were more durable. Have you noticed the plates in the U.S. are all the same size? That is because in 1957 the states agreed that all license plates would be 6 inches by 12. License plates in different states all have different designs representing the state.

Students will choose a state of their liking and personalize their own license plate following that specific states requirement.

Objective

- Explore license plate requirements of a different state

Materials

- 6X12 inch paper rectangle
- Colored pencils, crayons, or markers
- Pencil

Instructions:

- 1) Choose which state you would like to explore
- 2) Look up the Department of Motor Vehicle of the state you choose to read about any design or space requirements
- 3) Sketch your personal license plate
- 4) Color your license plate
- 5) Feel free to look make a license plate frame out of cardboard, only if your state permits it
- 6) Have Fun!

