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ACTIVITY: Create A Wax Seal

Wax seals were common on important documents in the 1700s and 1800s and used visual elements to represent the sender, whether a government, business, or individual.

Create your own seal by melting wax and pressing a metal button into it.

Directions:

1. Peel the paper off a crayon or use a candle. Prepare a paper surface to catch melted wax. Try folding one flap of the paper over so that the wax will attach one side to the other.
2. With help from an adult, use a lighter to melt the wax and allow several drops to gather on the paper. Make sure the blob of drops is a bit larger than the metal button.
4. Wait a few seconds for the wax to cool slightly. When the edges begin to look solid, press the button into the wax. Leave it there till the wax has cooled.
5. Carefully remove the button.



Tip: Crayon wax is brittle when it cools and doesn't always stick, so it may take a couple of tries to get a good impression. You can try slightly dampening the button with a moist sponge or your breath to prevent the wax from sticking to it.

Design Your Own Seal

Design your own seal in the circle. Choose symbols, words, and colors and explain your choices in the box.

