

3. All replicas of the message made by that handstamp would be incorrect.

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1. Answers will vary. Students might say that they can read the handstamps backwards but that printing the reverse image onto paper would make the messages easier to read.
2. The ink provides a medium the user of the stamp needs in order to copy—or replicate—the message.

1. Can you read the messages on these handstamps? What would make them easier to read?
2. What role does ink play in transferring the messages on the handstamps to a more readable form?
3. What would happen to the message if one of the handstamps had broken letters?