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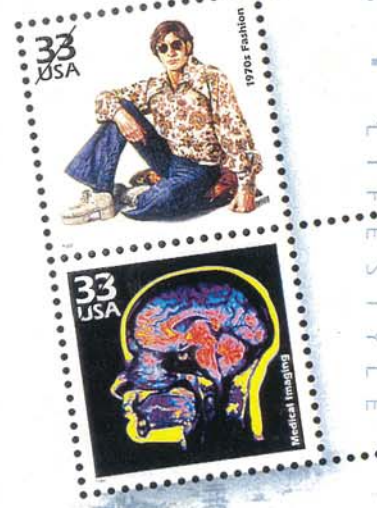
## Bicentennial, Watergate, and Earth Day

In the 1970s, the U.S. celebrated its 200-year history and made a commitment to protect the environment. The 26th Amendment lowered the voting age to 18 for all elections. Gender-based discrimination was prohibited, and a woman's right to have an abortion was defined. As a result of the Watergate scandal, Richard Nixon became the first U.S. President to resign from office.

Jumbo jets doubled airplane passenger capacity, and the first national speed limit, 55 mph, was instituted to conserve energy during an oil embargo. Fiber optics advanced communications technology, and international direct dial telephone calls became a reality. Ultrasound, CAT scans, and MRIs revolutionized medical imaging.

Sesame Street educated children, Monday Night Football entertained sports fans, and All in the Family introduced its audience to a new kind of TV series. Viewers taped TV shows with VCRs, and some Americans caught disco fever. New words: junk food, slam dunk, miniseries

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