



Coin Collecting Merit Badge

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Coin Collecting Merit Badge Requirements



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2. Explain these collecting terms:
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 - b. Reverse
 - c. Reeding
 - d. Clad
 - e. Type set
 - f. Date set
3. Describe three different ways to store a collection, and the benefits, drawbacks, and cost of each method.



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 - f. Collect a dollar coin from each of these design groups: Susan B. Anthony 1979-81, Sacagawea 1990-2005, U.S. Presidents 2000-2014.



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5. Describe and discuss with your counselor the special reverse designs of the quarters, half dollar and dollar coin struck in 1975-1976 to honor the U.S. Bicentennial.
6. Identify for your counselor the people depicted on current currency: \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 notes. Explain where United States currency is printed.



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7. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Collect and identify for your counselor 20 different world coins from at least 7 different countries. Identify the country, major design elements, and denomination of each.
 - b. Collect and identify for your counselor 20 different world paper money from at least 7 different countries. Identify the country, major design elements, and denomination of each.
 - c. Collect and identify for your counselor 20 different tokens and/or medals. Identify the issuer and use of each.
 - d. Complete one of the following and report to your counselor what you experienced:
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 2. Attend a coin club meeting
 3. Tour a U.S. Mint facility or museum
 4. Tour a virtual exhibit (with your parent or guardian's permission) approved by your counselor.

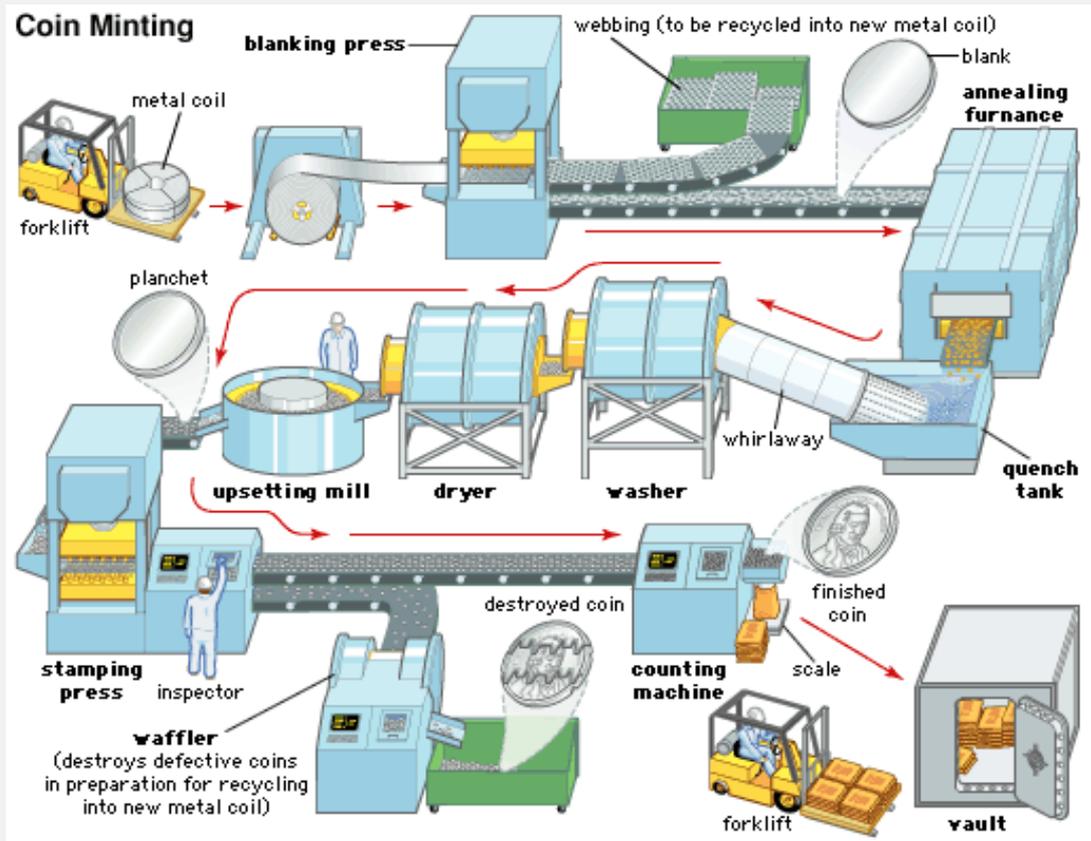




Requirement 1



Understand how coins are made, and where the active U.S. Mint facilities are located.





How Coins are Made



Step 1: Blanking

- The United States Mint uses rolls of metal that are approximately 13 inches wide and weigh several thousand pounds.
- The roll of metal is unwound and flattened to remove the curvature from the manufacturing process.
- It is then passed through a machine that punches out discs of metal that are now the proper thickness and diameter for the coin being made.



How Coins are Made

Step 2: Riddling

- Up to this point, the production process used to fabricate the metal blanks is dirty and is ran in a harsh environment.
- It is possible for small pieces of waste metal to get mixed in with the coin blanks.
- The riddling machine are mechanical sifters that cull out undersize, oversize and misshapen blanks and from any foreign matter mixed in with the coin blanks.





How Coins are Made

Step 3: Annealing and Cleaning

- The mint then passes the coin blanks through in the annealing oven to soften the metal in preparation for striking.
- From the furnace, they go to a cooling water bath, followed by a polishing/brightening rinse that removes any oil and dirt that may be on the surface of the coin.
- Any foreign material can become embedded in the coin during the striking process, and it would have to be scrapped.





How Coins are Made



Step 4: Upsetting

- Upsetting means to “upset” the edge of a coin to create a raised rim.
- The upsetting mill feeds the blank into a groove slightly narrower than its diameter.
- This pushes the metal up around the edge to form a rim.
- This results in a planchet; a plain metal disk from which a coin is made.



How Coins are Made



Step 5: Stamping or Striking

- Now that the planchets have been properly prepared, softened, and cleaned, they are ready for striking.
- They are automatically fed into the coining press at a rate that can reach several hundred coins per minute and are stamped with the designs and inscriptions which make them genuine United States coins.
- Proof coins made for collectors are fed by hand into the coining press and receive at least two strikes per coin.



How Coins are Made

Step 6: Inspecting

- *Press operators* using magnifying glasses spot-check each batch of newly struck coins.





How Coins are Made

Step 7: Counting, Bagging, and Distribution

- An automatic counting machine counts the coins and drops them into large bags.
- The bags are sealed shut, loaded onto pallets, and taken by forklifts to the vaults for storage.
- New coins are shipped by truck to Federal Reserve Banks for distribution to local banks.





Active U.S. Mints



- There are four active coin-producing mints:
 - Philadelphia
 - Denver
 - San Francisco
 - West Point.

Requirement 2



Explain these collecting terms:

- a. Obverse
- b. Reverse
- c. Reeding
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Obverse and Reverse

OBVERSE

REVERSE

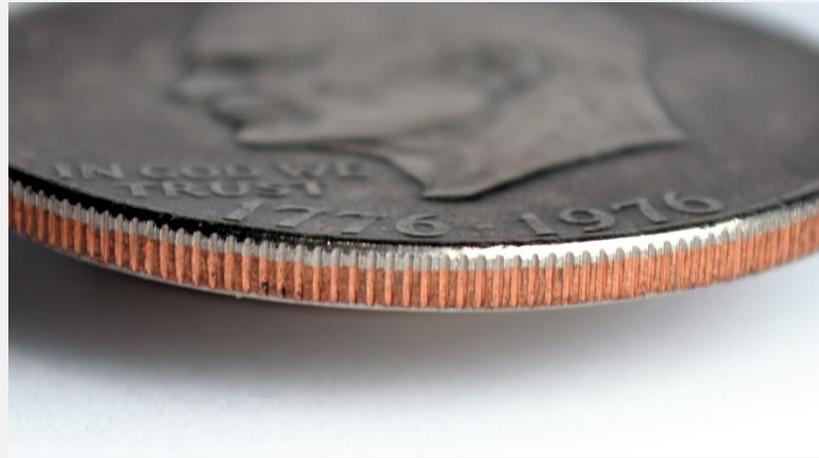
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- **Obverse** means the front face of the object and **reverse** means the back face.
- The obverse of a coin is commonly called heads, because it often depicts the head of a prominent person, and the reverse tails.



Reeding



- The U.S. Mint began adding ridges to the coins' edges, a process called "**reeding**," in order to make it impossible to shave them down without the result being obvious.
- As a side benefit, the reeded edges also made coin design more intricate and counterfeiting more difficult.



Clad

- A **clad** coin is a coin that has multiple layers of metal in it.
- Most current U.S. clad coins consist of an inner core of pure copper, with outer layers of a nickel-copper alloy that looks like silver.
- Examples of this type of clad coin are the U.S. Quarter and Half Dollar.





Type Set

- **Type set** is a collection of coins based on denomination that includes all of the different designs.
- For example, a nickel type set would contain one of each of the four types of nickels that the United States Mint has produced.





Date set

- **Date Set:** a collection of coins of a single type and denomination that includes every year during a specific date span; for example, a Mercury dime from every year from 1916-1945.





Requirement 3

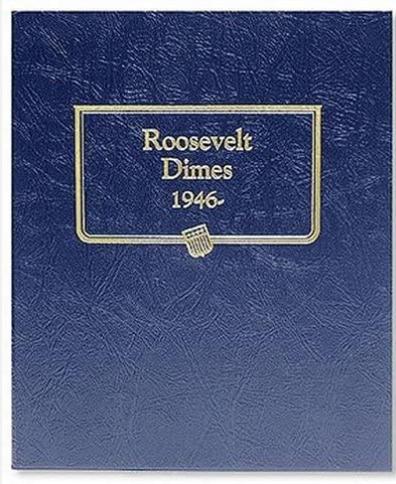


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Storing Coins

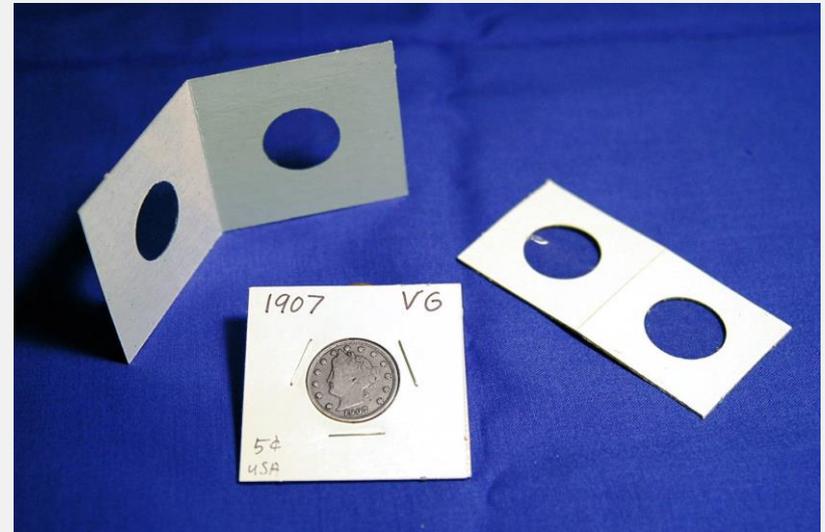


- Coin folders are an economical way to begin collecting.
- These are the type of holder that requires you to “push” the coin into its slot.
- There are no plastic slides to hold the coin in place.



Storing Coins

- One of the easiest ways to store coins is the use of two-by-two-inch Mylar holders.
- This type of holder permits you to examine both sides of a coin and in such a manner that a fingerprint can not be left on the coin's surface.
- These holders are available in sizes to accommodate every denomination of coin.





Storing Coins



- Coin Collecting “flips”, also in a two-by-two-inch size are another choice.
- These allow the viewing of both sides of the coin as well as the edge.
- The flip is divided into two sections.
 - The front section is for the coin while the back section is reserved for the paper two-by-two card on which you may enter the date, denomination, grade and any other information that you require.

Requirement 4



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One Cent: 1959-2008

- The “Lincoln Memorial” penny design was introduced in 1959. This design was last made in 2008.

- **Characteristics**

- **Obverse (heads):** Features the image of President Abraham Lincoln used on the penny since 1909.

- **Reverse (tails):** Depicts the Lincoln Memorial.

- **Obverse Inscriptions**

- LIBERTY
 - IN GOD WE TRUST
 - Year

- **Reverse Inscriptions**

- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 - E PLURIBUS UNUM
 - ONE CENT

- **Artist Information**

- **Obverse Designer:** Victor D. Brenner

- VDB is on the rim, just under the shoulder of Lincoln.

- **Reverse Designer:** Frank Gasparro

- FG appears on the right of the design, near the shrubbery.



One Cent: 2010-Present

- **Characteristics**

- **Obverse (heads):** Shows the familiar likeness of President Abraham Lincoln featured since 1909.
- **Reverse (tails):** First issued in 2010 and emblematic of Lincoln's preservation of the United States as a single and united country. It features a union shield with 13 vertical stripes and our national motto in a horizontal bar above. A banner drapes across the front.

- **Obverse Inscriptions**

- LIBERTY
- IN GOD WE TRUST
- Year

- **Reverse Inscriptions**

- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- E PLURIBUS UNUM
- ONE CENT

- **Mint and Mint Mark**

- Denver
- Philadelphia

- **Artist Information**

- **Obverse Designer:** Victor D. Brenner
- **Reverse Sculptor:** Joseph Menna, Medallist Artist
- **Designer:** Lyndall Bass





Cent



Designer Initials

Mint Mark



Designer Initials

One Cent: 2009

- **Lincoln Bicentennial One Cent Program**

- In 2009, the United States Mint issued four different pennies as part of the Lincoln Bicentennial One Cent Program. The program recognized not only of the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, but also the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln cent, first appearing in 1909. The themes on the reverses represent the four major aspects of Lincoln's life:
 - Birth and Early Childhood in Kentucky (1809-1816)
 - Formative Years in Indiana (1816-1830)
 - Professional Life in Illinois (1830-1861)
 - Presidency in Washington, DC (1861-1865)
- The circulating version of these coins uses the same metal content as other modern cents (2.5 percent copper, the rest zinc). The uncirculated version contains the metals used in the original 1909 cent (95 percent copper, 5 percent tin and zinc).
- After the program ended, the design on the back of the one-cent coin changed to represent the unity of the states, which President Lincoln worked so hard to restore and preserve.





Five Cent: 1959-2003



- Jefferson took his place on the obverse of the nickel in 1938 with Monticello, his Virginia home, on the reverse.
- These designs, both by Felix Schlag, continued until 2003.
 - His initials are under Jefferson's shoulder on the obverse side.



Five Cent: 2006-Present

- The “Return to Monticello” theme is the current design of the U.S. five-cent coin. The U.S. Mint first issued this design in 2006.



- **Characteristics**

- **Obverse (heads):** Shows, since 2006, the Thomas Jefferson likeness based on a Rembrandt Peale portrait completed in 1800. Peale’s portrait was the basis for most of the images of Jefferson made during his lifetime.
- **Reverse (tails):** Features the classic rendition of Monticello
- **Obverse Inscriptions**
 - IN GOD WE TRUST
 - LIBERTY (in cursive, based on Jefferson's handwriting)
 - Year
- **Reverse Inscriptions**
 - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 - E PLURIBUS UNUM
 - FIVE CENTS
 - MONTICELLO
- **Mint and Mint Mark**
 - Denver
 - Philadelphia
 - San Francisco
- **Artist Information**
 - **Obverse Sculptor:** Donna Weaver, Sculptor-Engraver
 - **Designer:** Jamie Franki, Artistic Infusion Program
 - **Reverse Designer:** Felix Schlag



Nickel



Designer Initials

Mint Mark



Designer Initials



Five Cent: 2004-2005

- **Westward Journey Nickel Series**

- In 2004 and 2005, the Jefferson nickel featured four different designs to commemorate the bicentennials of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition.
- The images were evocative of the historic expedition into the Louisiana Territory.
- The U.S. Mint began the Westward Journey Nickel Series in 2004 with the release of the “Peace Medal” and “Keelboat” nickels.
- In 2005, a new likeness of Thomas Jefferson appeared on the obverse in recognition of his role in the Louisiana Purchase and commissioning the Lewis and Clark expedition.
- The “American bison” reverse was representative of the wildlife encountered by the expedition.
- The second coin of 2005 depicted a scene of the Pacific Ocean, highlighting the expedition’s exultation on believing they had finally reached the Pacific Ocean after many months of travel.



Ten Cent: 1965-Present

- The “Roosevelt” theme is the current design of the U.S. 10-cent coin. The U.S. Mint first issued this design in 1946, soon after the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

- **Characteristics**

- **Obverse (heads):** Shows the left-facing bust of Franklin D. Roosevelt, featured since 1946.
- **Reverse (tails):** Displays a torch with an olive branch to the left of it and an oak branch to the right. The torch signifies liberty, the olive branch peace, and the oak branch represents strength and independence.

- **Obverse Inscriptions**

- LIBERTY
- IN GOD WE TRUST
- Year

- **Reverse Inscriptions**

- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- E PLURIBUS UNUM
- ONE DIME

- **Mint and Mint Mark**

- Denver
- Philadelphia
- San Francisco

- **Artist Information**

- John Sinnock





Dime



Designer Initials



Mint Mark

25 Cent: 1965-1998

- In 1932, an image of George Washington designed by John Flanagan replaced Liberty on the obverse of the quarter to honor Washington's 200th birthday.
- In 1965, the Mint removed silver from the quarter and the composition became copper-nickel clad.

- **Characteristics**

- The obverse (heads) design features a bust of George Washington by John Flanagan.
- The reverse (tails) features an eagle with wings spread, standing on a bundle of arrows with two olive sprays beneath it.

- **Obverse Inscriptions**

- LIBERTY
- IN GOD WE TRUST
- Year

- **Reverse Inscriptions**

- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- E PLURIBUS UNUM
- QUARTER DOLLAR

- **Mint and Mint Mark**

- Denver
- Philadelphia

- **Artist Information**

- **Designer:** John Flanagan whose initials can be found at the base of Washington's neck.





25 Cent: 1999-2009

- 50-State Quarter®/territories Program was launched in 1999.
- It was a 10-year initiative that honored each of the nation's states in the order that they ratified the Constitution or were admitted into the Union.
- Each quarter was produced for about 10 weeks and will never be produced again.
- State designs are displayed on the reverse (tails) of the quarters, while the obverse design displays the familiar image of George Washington.
- But, to accommodate state designs on the reverse, the words "United States of America," "Quarter Dollar," "Liberty," and "In God We Trust" all appear on the obverse.





25 Cent: 2012-2021

- From 2010 through 2021, the U.S. Mint issued 56 quarters as part of the America the Beautiful Quarters Program.
- The reverse designs depicted a national park or other national site for each U.S. state, territory, and the District of Columbia.



America the Beautiful Quarters Program



- The **America the Beautiful quarters** are a series of 56 quarters issued by the United States Mint starting in 2010 and scheduled to continue until 2021.
- The obverse (front) of all the coins depicts George Washington in a modified version of the portrait used for the original 1932 Washington quarter.
- There will be five new reverse (back) designs each year and one in 2021, each commemorating a national park or national site – one from each state, the federal district, and each territory.
- The program is authorized by the America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008.



25 Cent: 2022-2024



- The American Women Quarters™ Program is the current U.S. 25-cent coin program, spanning 2022 to 2025.
- The obverse (heads) shows a right-facing portrait of George Washington.
- The reverse (tails) features five designs each year honoring American women and their contributions.

Half Dollar: 1965-Present

- The “Kennedy” theme is the current design of the U.S. 50-cent coin.
- The U.S. Mint first issued this design in 1964, a year after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.
- **Characteristics**
 - **Obverse (heads):** Shows a profile of President John F. Kennedy based on a portrait prepared for his presidential medal.
 - **Reverse (tails):** Depicts the Presidential Seal. It consists of a heraldic eagle with a shield holding an olive branch and a bundle of 13 arrows. The olive branch symbolizes peace and the arrows symbolize war. A ring of 50 stars to represent the states surrounds the design.
 - **Obverse Inscriptions**
 - LIBERTY
 - IN GOD WE TRUST
 - Year
 - **Reverse Inscriptions**
 - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 - HALF DOLLAR
 - E PLURIBUS UNUM
 - **Mint and Mint Mark**
 - Denver
 - Philadelphia
 - San Francisco
 - **Artist Information**
 - **Obverse Sculptor:** Gilroy Roberts
 - **Reverse Sculptor:** Frank Gasparro





Half Dollar



Mint Mark

Designer Initials

Dollar: Susan B. Anthony 1979-81



- The Susan B. Anthony Dollar was the first time that a woman appeared on a U.S. circulating coin.
- The coin replaced the Eisenhower Dollar and was minted from 1979-1981 and again in 1999.
- It honored women's suffrage leader, Susan B. Anthony.
- **Characteristics**
 - The obverse (heads) features the likeness of Susan B. Anthony.
 - The reverse (tails) shows an American eagle landing on the Moon, an adaptation of the Apollo 11 insignia used on the Eisenhower Dollar.
 - **Obverse Inscriptions**
 - LIBERTY
 - IN GOD WE TRUST
 - Date
 - **Reverse Inscriptions**
 - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 - E PLURIBUS UNUM
 - ONE DOLLAR
 - **Mint and Mint Mark**
 - Denver
 - Philadelphia
 - **Artist Information**
 - **Designer:** Frank Gasparro whose initials **FG** appear just below Anthony's left shoulder.

Dollar: Sacagawea 1990-2005

- The U.S. Mint issued the Sacagawea Golden Dollar from 2000 to 2008.

- **Characteristics**

- **Obverse Design**

- The Golden Dollar's obverse, or heads, has a portrait of Sacagawea.
 - On her back, Sacagawea carries Jean Baptiste, her infant son.

- **Reverse Design**

- The reverse features a soaring eagle encircled by 17 stars. The 17 stars represent each state in the Union at the time of the 1804 Lewis and Clark expedition.

- **Obverse Inscriptions**

- LIBERTY
 - IN GOD WE TRUST
 - Year

- **Reverse Inscriptions**

- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 - E PLURIBUS UNUM
 - ONE DOLLAR

- **Mint and Mint Mark**

- Denver
 - Philadelphia
 - San Francisco

- **Artist Information**

- **Obverse Designer:** Glenna Goodacre
 - **Reverse Designer:** Thomas Rogers





Dollar



Designer Initials



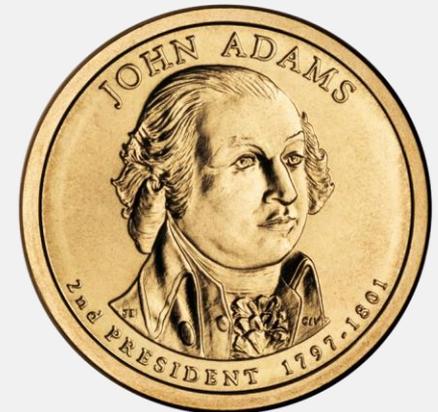
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Designer Initials



Dollar: U.S. Presidents 2000-2014

- The United States Mint honors our nation's presidents by issuing \$1 coins featuring their images in the order that they served.
- The program began in 2007 with Presidents Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and Madison.
- **Characteristics**
 - **Obverse Inscriptions**
 - *(NAME OF PRESIDENT)*
 - *(WHEN THEY SERVED)*
 - **Reverse Inscriptions**
 - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 - \$1
 - **Incused (edge) Inscriptions**
 - *(DATE OF ISSUE)*
 - E PLURIBUS UNUM
 - IN GOD WE TRUST
 - mint mark ("P", "D," or "S")

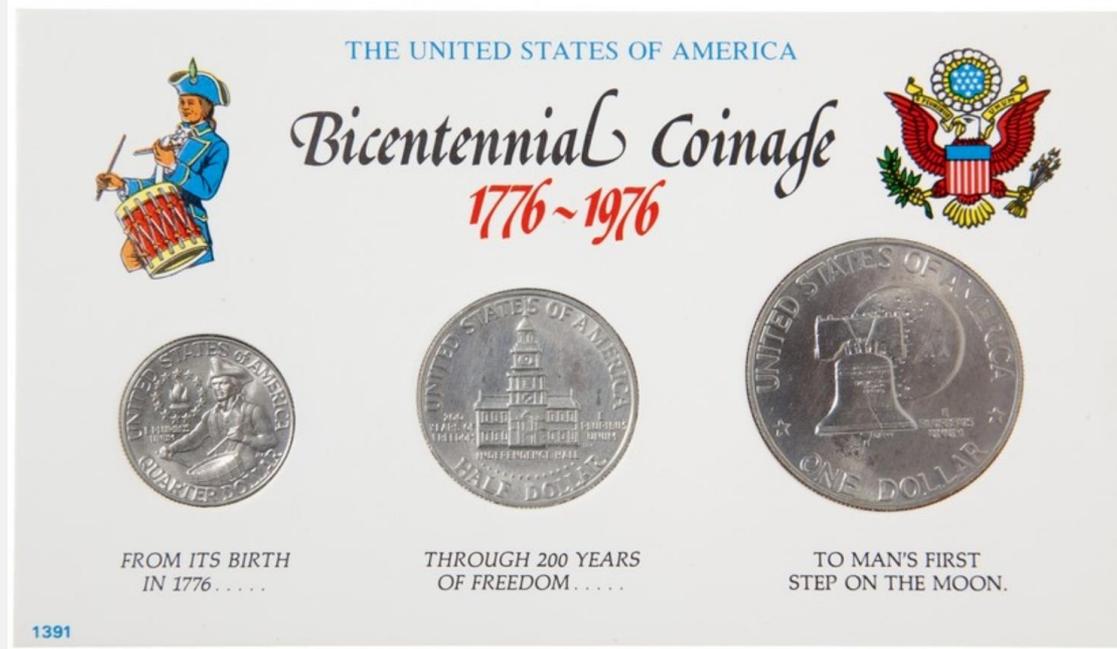




Requirement 5



Describe and discuss with your counselor the special reverse designs of the quarters, half dollar and dollar coin struck in 1975-1976 to honor the U.S. Bicentennial.





U.S. Bicentennial: Quarters

- The coin was minted in the years 1975 and 1976 and carried the dual dates of 1776-1976 in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the independence of the United States.
- During the release of the Bicentennial coinage, no coins of this denomination carried the single date of 1975 or 1976.
- The reverse features a Colonial drummer facing left and a victory torch encircled by thirteen stars at the upper left.





U.S. Bicentennial: Half Dollar



- A temporary reverse featuring Independence Hall in Philadelphia appeared in 1975 and 1976 to celebrate the bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence.



U.S. Bicentennial: Dollar Coin

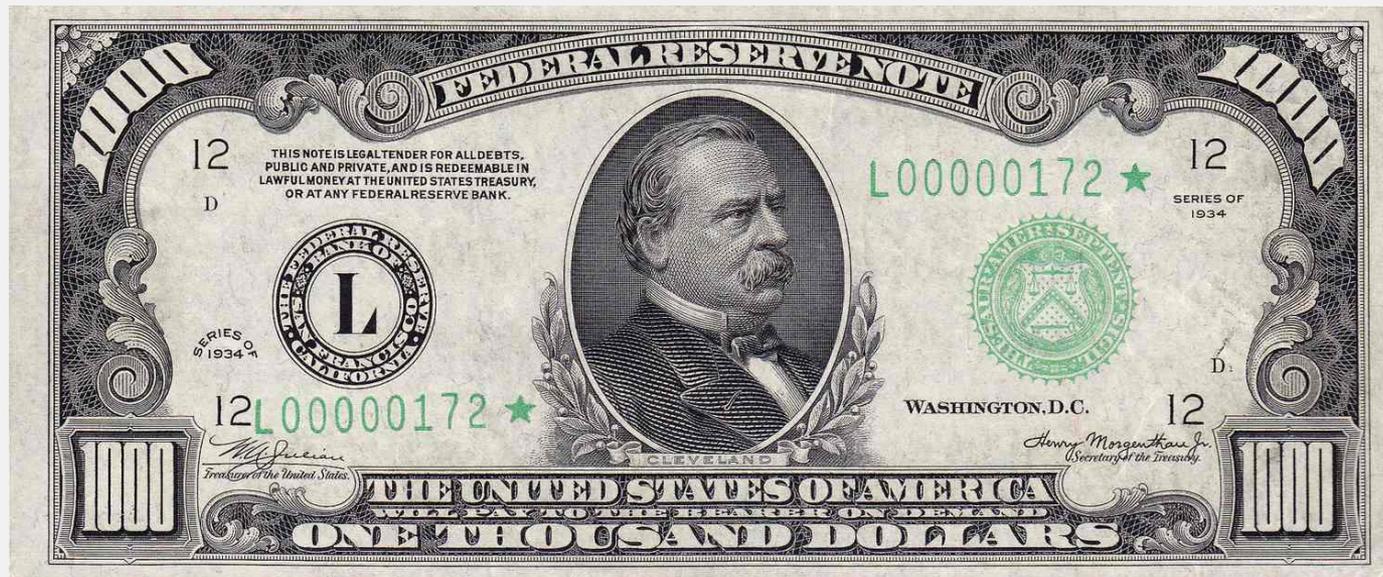


- The Bicentennial dollar, picturing the Liberty Bell and moon on the reverse and the double date 1776-1976 beneath the portrait of President Eisenhower on the obverse,



Requirement 6

Identify for your counselor the people depicted on current currency: \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 notes. Explain where United States currency is printed.



Portraits on U.S. Paper Currency

- \$1 George Washington
- \$2 Thomas Jefferson
- \$5 Abraham Lincoln
- \$10 Alexander Hamilton
- \$20 Andrew Jackson
- \$50 Ulysses S Grant
- \$100 Benjamin Franklin





Printing of U.S. Currency



- Since 1862, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) has been entrusted with the mission of manufacturing the nation's currency.
- All U.S. currency is printed at the facilities in Washington, D.C. and Fort Worth, Texas.
- In addition to manufacturing U.S. paper currency, BEP also prints a variety of U.S. government security documents.



Bureau of Engraving and Printing



Washington, DC Facility

Department of the Treasury
Bureau of Engraving and Printing
14th and C Streets, SW
Washington, DC 20228

Public Tours: 1-866-874-2330



Fort Worth, TX Facility

Department of the Treasury
Bureau of Engraving and Printing
9000 Blue Mound Road
Fort Worth, TX 76131

Public Tours: 1-866-865-1194

Requirement 7



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 3. Tour a U.S. Mint facility or museum
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Penny
(1 cent)



Nickel
(5 cents)



Dime
(10 cents)



Quarter
(25 cents)



Foreign Coins and Bank Notes

- Many banks offer to exchange U.S. currency for foreign currency to their customers.
 - There may be a small fee if you exchange less than a certain amount.
- Another way to start collecting foreign coins and bank notes is by attending local coin auctions.
 - Coin auctions allow you to buy, sell and find values for foreign currency.
- Another option would be to travel to a country and exchange U.S. currency for foreign currency directly.





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Jan 21st, 2024 <i>Sun 9-3</i>	Blue Ribbon Coin Show St. Clement's Hall	Toledo, OH 43612
Jan 28th, 2024 <i>Sun 10-4</i>	Greenhills Classic Stamp & Coin Show American Legion	Cincinnati, OH 45218



Coin Clubs



- Are you interested in discovering and exploring the world of money with other people who share your interests?
- There are more than 300 American Numismatic Association (ANA) member coin clubs in the United States and other countries.
- The [Club Directory](#) can help you find a club based on your location and/or collecting interest.



U.S. Mint Facility/Museum



- The U.S. Mint offers free in-person tours of the Philadelphia and Denver facilities, which cover the present state of coin manufacturing and the history of the Mint.
- Visitors learn about the craftsmanship required at all stages of the minting process, from the original designs and sculptures to the actual striking of the coins.



U.S. Mint at Philadelphia Tour

- All tours are free and self-guided and take approximately 45 minutes to complete.
- No reservations are necessary.
- Coins may not be in production during your visit. For complete tour information, please call 215-408-0112, 24-hours a day.
- The United States Mint is located at 151 N. Independence Mall East, Philadelphia, PA 19106 (on 5th Street between Arch Street and Race Street). The United States Mint does not provide parking.
- **General Tour Hours**
 - Monday through Friday
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Entrance closes at 4:15 p.m.
Closed on federal holidays.
- **Summer Tour Hours (Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend)**
 - Monday through Saturday
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Entrance closes at 4:15 p.m.
Closed on federal holidays.



Click on the above YouTube Video to take a virtual tour inside the Philadelphia Mint!



U.S. Mint at Denver Tour

- **Tour Tickets**

- Tour tickets are available from the Tour Information Window on Cherokee Street between Colfax Avenue and West 14th Avenue.
- It opens at 7 a.m. on Monday through Thursday (excluding observed federal holidays), and will remain open until all tickets have been distributed.
- Tickets are for same-day tours only; no advance tickets are available.
- Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to 5 per person. All visitors must be 7 years and older.
- **We recommend arriving at the ticket window as early as possible** for your best opportunity to obtain tickets, as they run out quickly.

- **Tour Hours**

- Tours are offered Monday through Thursday (excluding observed federal holidays) at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. They last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- There may be days that tours are not available, and tours may be canceled without prior notice.
- Please be aware that coin production schedules vary. Coins may not be in production during your tour.
- For more information, contact us at 303-405-4761.

- **Tour Location and Parking**

- United States Mint – Denver Mint
320 West Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80204-2693
The Mint does not provide parking, but there are meters and pay lots within a few blocks.



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inside the Denver Mint!

Virtual Exhibit



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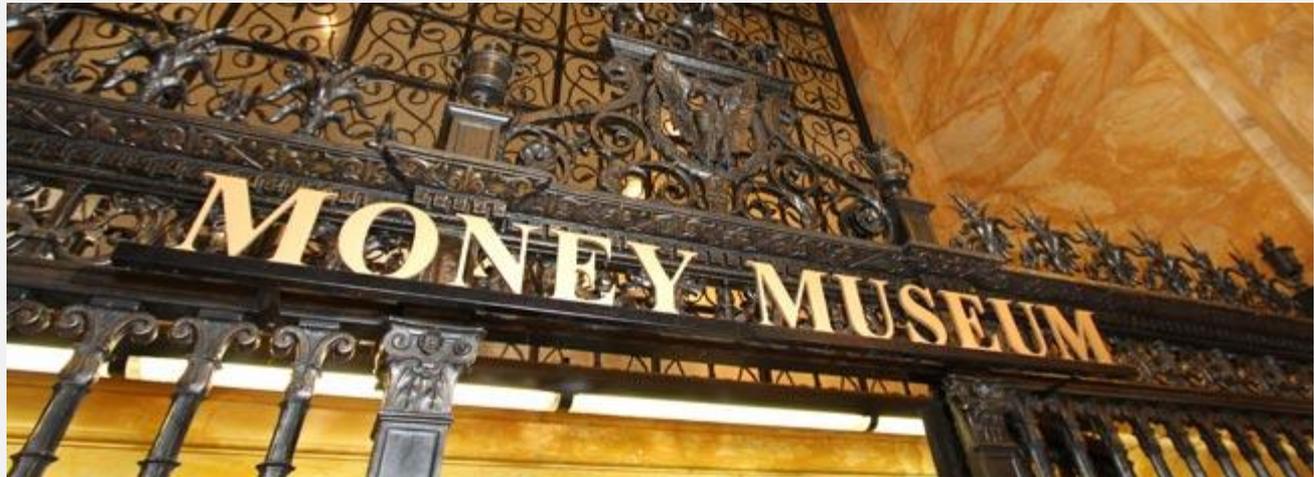


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