

A Leader worth “Minting”

A fairly common tradition around the world is to place the faces of your countries most influential and loved leaders. This is a way of celebrating the past and paying tribute to those who got their country to where they stand.

The United States Mint is no different- all of our currency bares the face of an influential leader – from George Washington (1 Dollar) to Woodrow Wilson (100,000 Dollars) and from Abraham Lincoln (1 cent) to Lady Liberty (\$20 well she doesn’t really count because she did not exist – but the coin was sold for 7.6 million bucks on ebay in 2002).

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As a great historian and artist you have been hired by the Russian Government to create a coin celebrating one of their countries most beloved leaders- “Peter the Great”. (pg 530)

There are instructions for the research and a sample to help you below.

Mr. Fulbright has a finished example to show you what a final product might look like.

Focus on the research first – then worry about making the coin.

Instructions for “Research”	Example using famous American President
1. Find “National Hero’s” Name	1. Abraham Lincoln
2. Clarify where the hero was from	2. The United States of America
3. Find out their “Job” title	3. President of the Untied States of America.
4. Find out when they were “in charge”	4. 1860-1865
5. Find most significant “nick-name”	5. The “Great Emancipator”
6. Explain meaning behind “nickname	6. President Lincoln was the President who signed the Emancipation Proclamation
7. List four great achievements/feats	7. 1. Lincoln was the Commander in Chief (head of military) during the Civil War – he led them to victory. 2. Wrote the Gettysburg address which helped motivate and maintain the union during the hardest time of the Civil War. 3. Signed the Emancipation Proclamation – a law which made slavery illegal in all the Confederate states. 4. Cited as being one of the U.S.’s top Presidents - he represented both strong morals and great leadership.
8. List two “downsides” to their role in history.	8. 1. Because of his views on slavery, when he was elected in 1860 the first of the Southern states seceded and formed the Confederate States. 2. He created the draft of 1863 because the Union needed more soldiers. The Draft had a loophole that allowed the rich to buy their way out of service. As a result there was a series of riots in New York.
9. List two interesting “facts” about the “Hero”	9. 1. Lincoln grew his famous beard out after a young girl suggested that it would make him more attractive while campaigning. 2. Lincoln was assassinated before the end of the Civil War by John Wilkes Booth while watching a play.