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This teaching guide for grades K-1 focuses on the 1999-2000 United States Mint 50 State Quarters Program, which includes new quarter designs for the following states: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, and Virginia. The guide includes six lesson plans that fit easily into the curriculum, reproducible student worksheets that coincide with each lesson, state facts and information on the new quarter designs, a U.S. map template with state outlines, and the 50 State Quarters Program 1999-2000 quarter board. (BT)

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- ◆ 50 State Quarters™ Program 1999-2000 quarter board

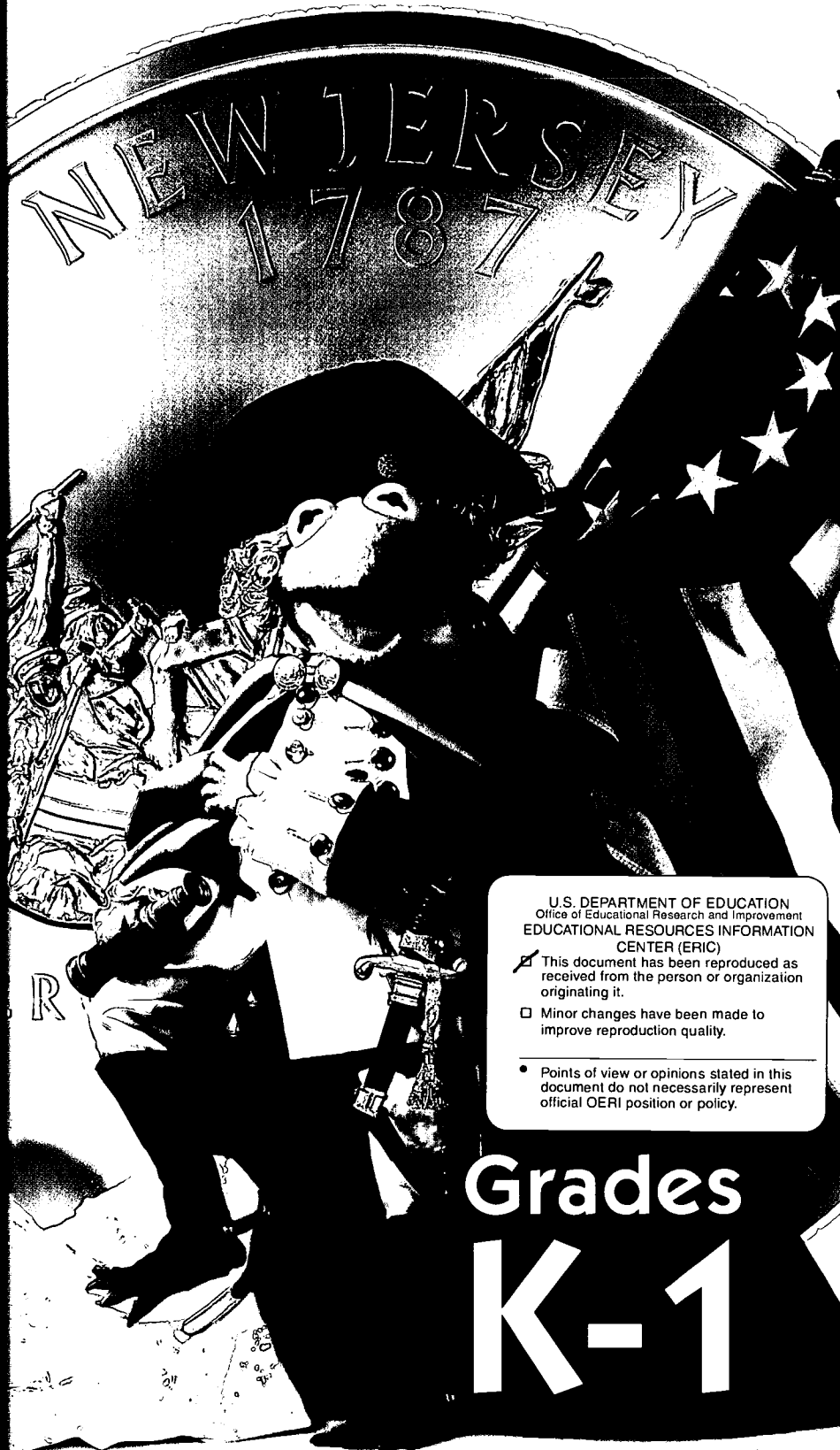
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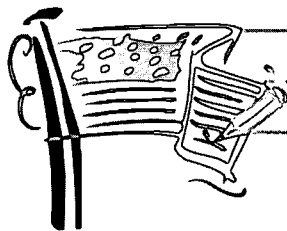
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Grades K-1



Lesson Plans for Grades K-1

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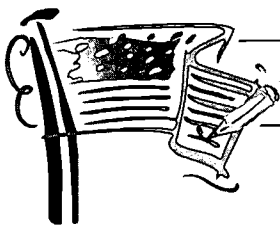
				
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1: Fantastic Forms



OBJECTIVE:

Students will recognize the physical shape of the USA and their home state.



MATERIALS:

- 1 map of the USA (page 30), enlarged
- “Fantastic Forms” worksheet (page 5), one per student
- Background of program (page 4), one per student
- Crayons (red and blue)
- Chart paper
- Marker



PREPARATIONS:

- Hang chart paper.
- Review “My Day at School” letter to parents (page 4).



GROUPING:

- Whole group



CLASS TIME:

- One class period



CONNECTIONS:

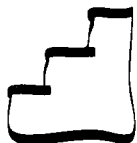
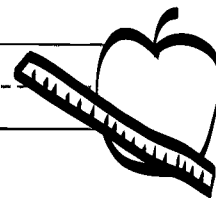
- Social Studies
- Language Arts
- Art



TERMS and CONCEPTS:

- United States of America
- Department of the Treasury
- The United States Mint

Recognizing the Shape of the USA and Home State



STEPS:

1. Focus on the objective by asking: "Who can name the state that we live in?"
2. Display the enlarged map of the USA and have a child identify the state.
3. Trace around the outline of the state with a red crayon.
4. Trace around the entire outline of the United States with a blue crayon. Ask if anyone is able to identify what you just traced.
5. Ask students what they know about the United States of America. List on chart paper.
6. Introduce the 50 State Quarters™ Program (For information, refer to "My Day at School" letter to parents, page 4). Tell the class that they will be learning about each new quarter and using them in various activities throughout the year.
7. Distribute the "Fantastic Forms" worksheet (page 5). Have each child trace their state and the outline of the USA. Students can write in the name of their state.
8. Have students take home a copy of the "My Day at School" letter (page 4) explaining the 50 State Quarters™ Program. Students should also show their families their completed "Fantastic Forms" worksheets.



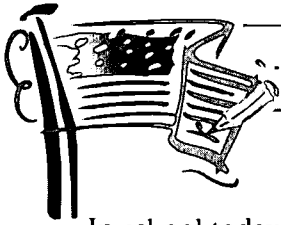
ENRICHMENT/EXTENSIONS:

In small groups, students can work with their teacher to identify all 10 states for which special quarters will have been released by the end of 2000. Students can color these states on their map and print each state's name.

Notes:

Name _____

Date _____



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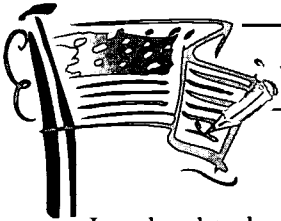
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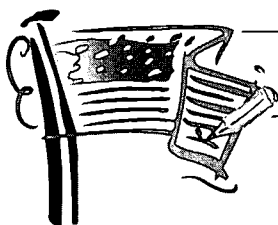
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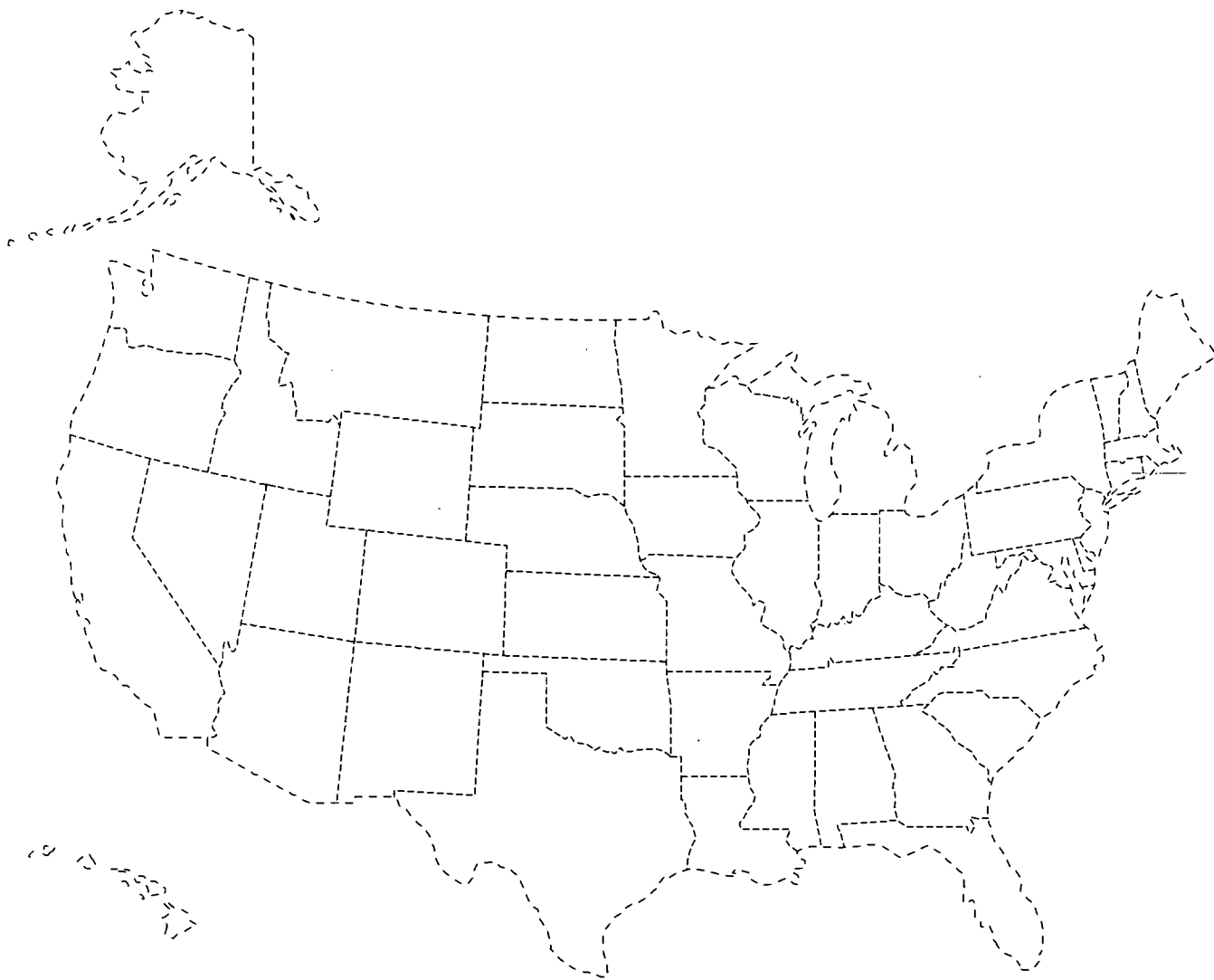
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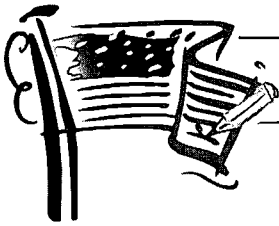
Fantastic Forms

DIRECTIONS:

-  Trace the outline of your home state with a red crayon.
- Trace the outline of the USA with a blue crayon.



What is the name of the state that you live in?



2: Money Matters



OBJECTIVE:

Students will recognize a cent, nickel, dime, quarter, half-dollar, and Sacagawea Golden Dollar, and identify the value of each coin.



MATERIALS:

- *Why Money Was Invented*¹ by Neale S. Godfrey (optional)
- Chart paper
- Cents, nickels, dimes, quarters, half-dollars, and Sacagawea Golden Dollars (real coins, or paper coins copied from the “Reproducible Coin Sheets” on pages 31 and 32)
- “Money Matters” worksheets (pages 8 and 9), one per student
- Glue
- Pencils or crayons



PREPARATIONS:

- Gather several coins of each kind (cents, nickels, dimes, quarters, half-dollars, and Sacagawea Golden Dollars).
- Hang chart paper.
- Preview book.



GROUPING:

- Whole group



CLASS TIME:

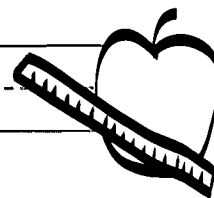
- One class period



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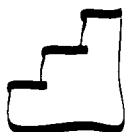
- Math
- Language Arts
- Art

Identifying Coins and Their Value



TERMS and CONCEPTS:

- Cent
- Nickel
- Dime
- Quarter
- Half-dollar
- Golden Dollar
- Money
- Coins
- Value



STEPS:

1. Read *Why Money Was Invented*¹ by Neale S. Godfrey (optional).
2. Focus on the objective by asking: "Can anyone name any of the coins that we use as money today?"
3. List responses on chart paper. Complete list if all coins are not mentioned (cent, nickel, dime, quarter, half-dollar, Sacagawea Golden Dollar). You may wish to show sample coins and have students name them.
4. Ask if anyone knows the value of any of the coins listed. List correct responses next to the appropriate coin. *NOTE: Explain the use of money symbols such as "\$" and "¢" if children are not already familiar with them.*
5. Have students complete the two "Money Matters" worksheets (pages 8 and 9). These can be completed as a class or in small groups, with or without teacher assistance.



ENRICHMENT/EXTENSIONS:

Read *A Quarter From The Tooth Fairy*² by Caren Holzmon.

Have students practice making 25¢, 50¢, 75¢, and \$1.00 using various coin combinations.

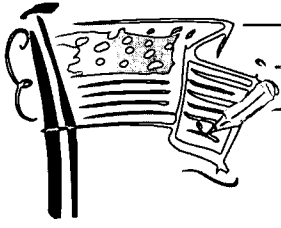
Have students create coin rubbings of several different coins using pencils and crayons.

Notes:

1.) Godfrey, Neale S. *Why Money Was Invented*. Columbus: Silver Burdett Press, 1996.
 2.) Holzmon, Caren. *A Quarter From The Tooth Fairy*. New York: Scholastic Trade, 1995.

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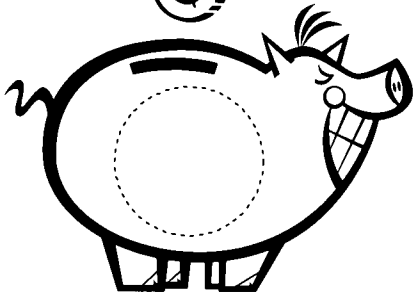
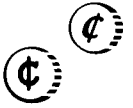
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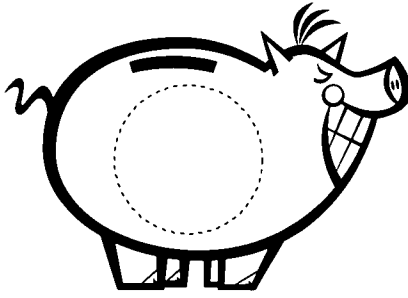
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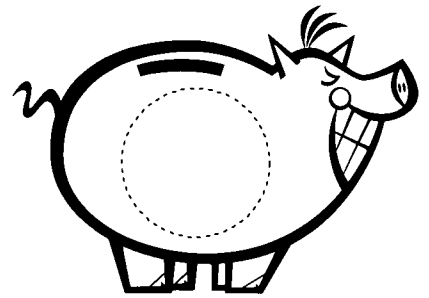
 Glue each coin in the correct piggy bank.



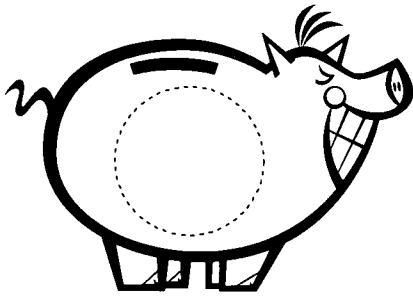
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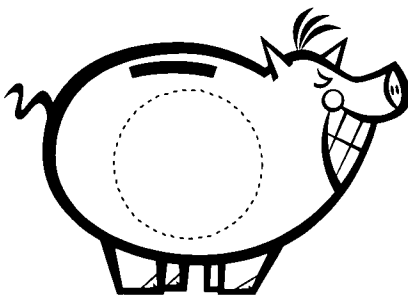
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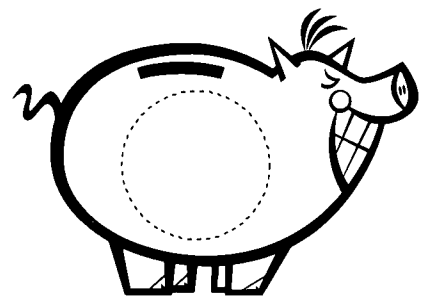
5¢



1¢



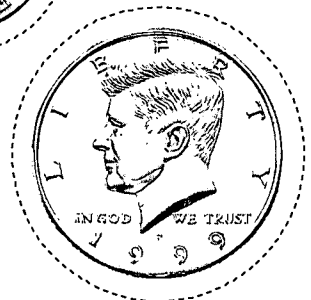
50¢



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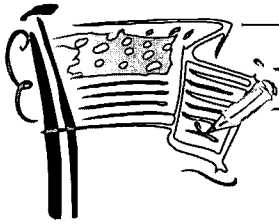


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Name _____

Date _____



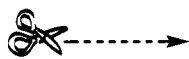
Money Matters

DIRECTIONS:

- Below each picture, glue the correct name of the coin.
- Write the value of the coin.



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Half-Dollar
_____ ¢

Nickel
_____ ¢

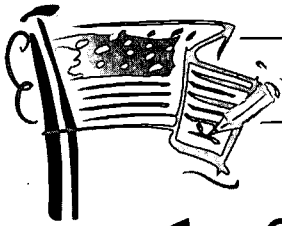
Cent
_____ ¢

Quarter
_____ ¢

Golden Dollar
_____ ¢

Dime
_____ ¢

3: Simple Symbols



OBJECTIVE:

Students will define what a symbol is and identify symbols associated with pre-selected states.



MATERIALS:

- *I Read Symbols*³ by Tana Hoban (optional)
- "Select a Symbol" worksheet (page 12), one per student
- "State the Facts" worksheet (page 13), one per student
- "State Information Pages" (pages 26-29)
- Crayons and pencils



PREPARATIONS:

- Select state to focus on.
- Enlarge quarter for focus state (using "Reproducible Coin Sheets", pages 31 and 32).
- Preview facts: name, symbol, bird, flower.
- Make a chart of state facts using chart paper or a chalkboard. Include visuals, if possible.



GROUPING:

- Whole group/small groups



CLASS TIME:

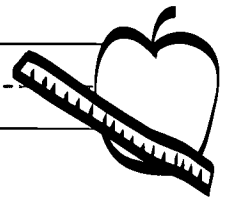
- One class period



CONNECTIONS:

- Social Studies
- Language Arts
- Art



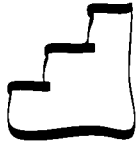


Understanding and Identifying Symbols



TERMS and CONCEPTS:

- Symbol



STEPS:

1. Focus on the objective by asking: "Who can tell me what a symbol is?"
2. Read *I Read Symbols*³ by Tana Hoban (optional). Ask if children can identify the symbols pictured in the book.
3. Explain to the students that a symbol is something—a picture or a drawing—that stands for or represents something else.
4. Remind the students that, with the 50 State Quarters™ Program, every state has selected a special symbol to represent that state. This symbol will appear on a quarter.
5. Display your state fact chart about the focus state and discuss the facts listed. Also display the enlarged copy of the new quarter. Ask students why they think the symbol was chosen to represent the state. Provide the correct information, if necessary.
6. Ask students to think about what type of symbol would best represent them. Provide students with the "Select a Symbol" worksheet (page 12).
7. Have students share their symbols in small groups or as a class.
8. Display the state facts visual and distribute the "State the Facts" activity (page 13) to a small group. Have students complete the worksheet, with teacher assistance if necessary.



ENRICHMENT/EXTENSIONS:

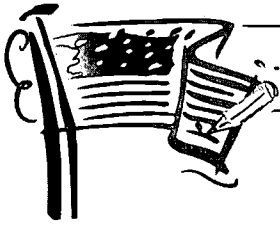
The "State the Facts" activity can be used for every state. If a quarter for the state(s) you choose has not yet been released, have the children design a symbol that they feel represents that particular state and explain their choice. Display their designs on a bulletin board or on available wall space.

Notes:

3.) Hoban, Tana. *I Read Symbols*. New York: HarperCollins Children's Book Group, 1983.

Name _____

Date _____



Select a Symbol

DIRECTIONS:

If you could choose a symbol to represent you, what would it be? Draw your idea below.

Here are some examples of symbols describing people:



Likes cats



Eats good food



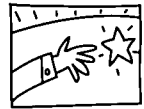
Loves someone



Likes to go hiking



Plays soccer



A good student

I drew this picture because _____.

Name _____

Date _____



State the Facts

DIRECTIONS:

Share facts about a state using words and pictures!

Write where you see a  pencil. Draw where you see a  crayon.



Here are the facts about _____.

 The **symbol** on the state's coin is _____.



This state's **bird** is _____.

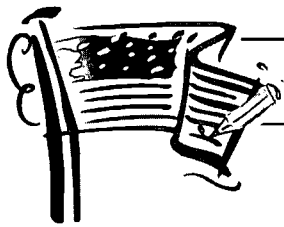


This state's **flower** is _____.



This state's **tree** is _____.





4: Great Graphs



OBJECTIVE:

Students will create a bar graph to demonstrate quantity.



MATERIALS:

- Plastic bags
- 10 copies of "Cool Quarters" coin sheet (page 16), laminated and cut
- "Great Graphs" worksheet (page 17), one per student
- Crayons



PREPARATIONS:

- Make 10 copies of the "Cool Quarters" coin sheet (page 16). Laminate sheets and cut out coins. (*A great idea for a parent volunteer!)
- Prepare 6 bags with a mixture of the 2000 quarters (Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, and Virginia).

NOTE: Do not put more than 10 of any type into each bag.



GROUPING:

- Small group (6)



CLASS TIME:

- 20-30 minutes



CONNECTIONS:

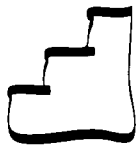
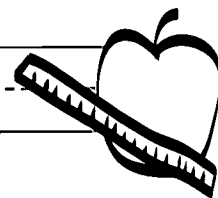
- Math
- Art



TERMS and CONCEPTS:

- Bar graph
- Record
- Data
- Sort
- Least
- Most

Gathering Data and Creating a Bar Graph



STEPS:

1. Focus on the objective by saying: "Today we are going to make a bar graph."
2. Ask the students to explain what a graph is. Provide correct information, if necessary.
3. Tell the students that they will be collecting their "data," or information, using the bags of "quarters."
4. Distribute bags, along with the worksheet entitled "Great Graphs" (page 17).
5. Have students sort their quarters into groups based on state symbols (all Massachusetts coins in one pile, all Maryland coins in another pile, and so on).
6. After all the quarters have been sorted, have students begin with the Massachusetts group. Explain that they need to count how many are in the group and record the information by coloring in that many spaces on the graph.
7. Continue this procedure using the Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, and Virginia quarters.
8. Assist students in using their graph to answer the three questions on the "Great Graphs" worksheet (page 17).

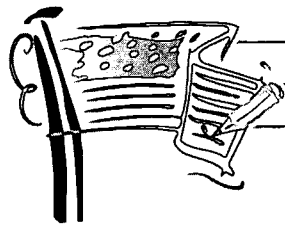


ENRICHMENT/EXTENSIONS:

You can change the coins on the "Great Graphs" worksheet (page 17) by reducing the 1999 quarters (page 16) by 85%, and gluing the 1999 quarters over the 2000 ones before making copies.

Make a large classroom graph to record how many of each quarter the class can collect over a certain time period—1 week, 2 weeks, etc.

Notes:



Great Graphs

Copy and laminate this sheet. Cut out quarters and assemble bags, as instructed in the "Great Graphs" lesson plan (pages 14 and 15). *NOTE: Use one year's quarters only (1999 or 2000).*

1999

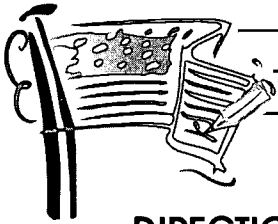


2000



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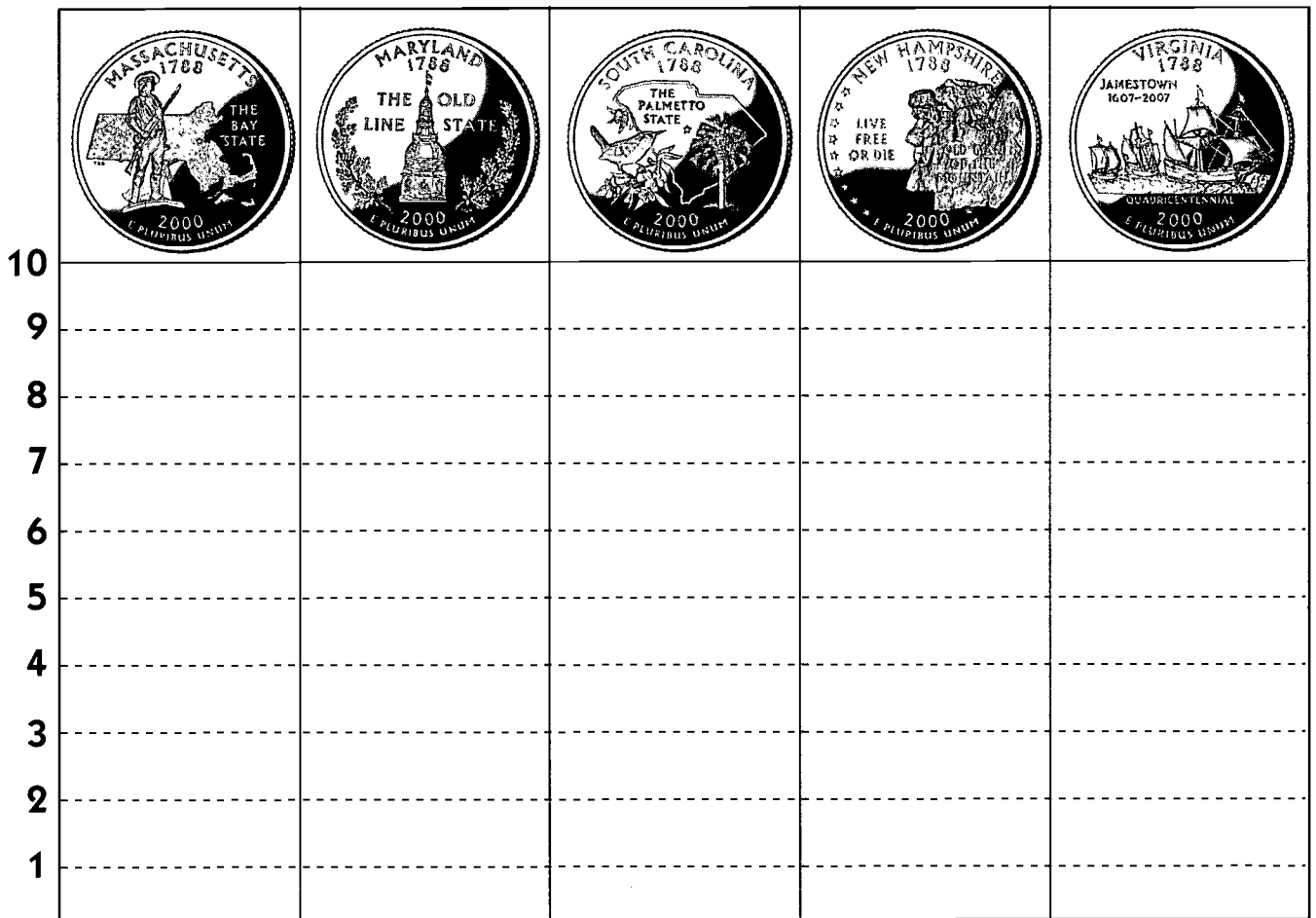


Great Graphs

DIRECTIONS:

Using your bag of quarters, complete the graph below.

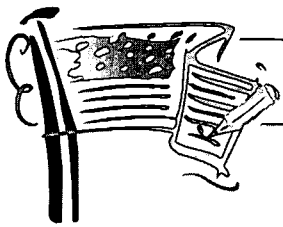
1. **Sort** your coins into groups.
2. **Count** how many coins are in each group.
3. **Record** your results by coloring in the correct number of spaces below each quarter.



1. Which quarter did you have the most of?

2. Which quarter did you have the least of?

3. How many quarters did you have altogether?



5: How Change Has Changed



OBJECTIVE:

Students will create a timeline to show the sequence of change that the "tails" side of a quarter has gone through.



MATERIALS:

- 50 State Quarters™ 1999-2000 quarter board provided by the U.S. Mint
- "How Change Has Changed" worksheets (pages 20 and 21), one per student
- *Why Money Was Invented*⁴ by Neale S. Godfrey (optional)
- Copies of the 2000 quarters (page 31), reduced 85%, one per student
- Scissors • Glue • Chart paper • Markers



PREPARATIONS:

- Make an enlarged copy of the back of the quarter board showing the design types and changes of the U.S. quarter.
- Make copies of the 2000 quarters (page 31), reduced 85%. Three rows of 2000 quarters will fit vertically on an 8½" x 11" sheet of paper, and can be cut into strips to hand out to students.
- Hang chart paper.



GROUPING:

- Small groups (5 or 6)



CLASS TIME:

- 20-30 minutes



CONNECTIONS:

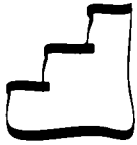
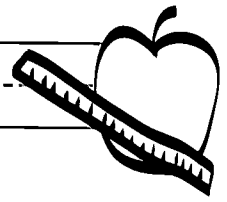
- Social Studies • Math
- Language Arts • Art



TERMS and CONCEPTS:

- Timeline
- Sequence
- Change

Understanding and Creating Timelines



STEPS:

1. Focus on the objective by asking: "Who can tell me something that they know of that has changed?" (Possible responses: babies to adults, puppies to dogs, tadpoles to frogs, caterpillars to butterflies.) List responses on chart paper.
2. Explain that many things change naturally over time, such as people, animals, and insects.
3. Discuss other changes of things from the past to the present, such as transportation and technology.
4. Review the story, *Why Money Was Invented*⁴, by Neale S. Godfrey, from lesson #2 (page 6). Discuss how our money system has changed over time.
5. Display the quarter board, focusing on the back where the quarter visuals are located. Display an enlarged copy for better viewing.
6. Explain that the design of the quarters has changed a lot since 1796. Tell students that they will be making their own timeline to show some of the changes that the "tails" of quarters have been through from 1796 until now.
7. Distribute the "How Change Has Changed" worksheet (page 20) and a copy of the 2000 quarters.
8. Have students cut out all the coins on the "How Change Has Changed" worksheet (page 20). Ask students to pick their favorite 2000 quarter and cut it out from the sheet provided.
9. Supply students with the "How Change Has Changed" timeline (page 21). Ask them to glue each quarter in correct sequence. Spaces #1-6 are filled with quarters from the "How Change Has Changed" worksheet (page 20—each is numbered). Students should glue their favorite 2000 quarter in space #7.



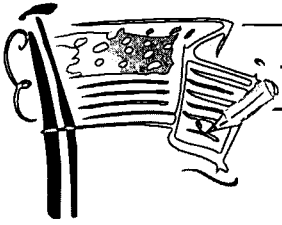
ENRICHMENT/EXTENSIONS:

Ask students to create a visual timeline based on their life using photographs and/or drawings. Have them share their timeline with the class.

Have students brainstorm a list of ideas for other timelines they could make.

4.) Godfrey, Neale S. *Why Money Was Invented*. Columbus: Silver Burdett Press, 1996.

How Change Has Changed



DIRECTIONS:

 Cut on the dotted lines.



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1815-1828



1916-1917



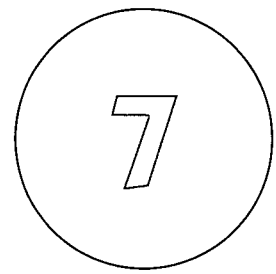
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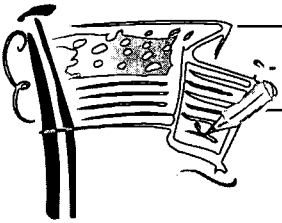
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How Change Has Changed



DIRECTIONS:

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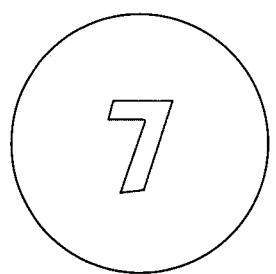
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Name _____


Date _____



How Change Has Changed

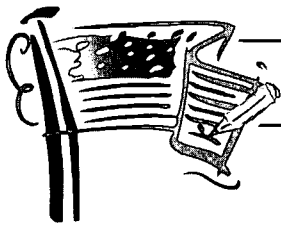
See how the "tails" side of the quarter has changed over time by completing this timeline.

DIRECTIONS:

 Glue each coin in the correct order along the timeline.

1796 1804 1815 1892 1916 1932 2000

1 2 3 4 5 6 7



6: Cooperation Station



OBJECTIVE:

Students will create a class book based on the states covered during the year.



MATERIALS:

- “Cooperation Station” worksheets (pages 24 and 25) copied front to back, one per group
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Strips of paper with children’s names pre-printed
- Strips of paper with state names pre-printed
- “State Information Pages” (pages 26-29)
- United States of America map template (page 30)
NOTE: Map may need to be enlarged to appropriate size.
- 1 three-ring binder or report cover with fasteners



PREPARATIONS:

- Prepare a sample class-book page by completing the worksheets on pages 24 and 25.
- Place students in groups of 2 or 3. Place names in each area (2 or 3 children’s names and 1 state name).
- Place worksheets, crayons, and a pencil at each station.



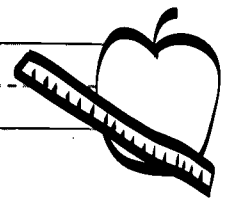
GROUPING:

- Whole group
- Small groups of 2 or 3

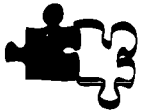


CLASS TIME:

- 2-3 class periods



Working Cooperatively to Create a Class Book



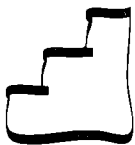
CONNECTIONS:

- Social Studies
- Language Arts
- Art



TERMS and CONCEPTS:

- Cooperation
- Fact



STEPS:

1. Focus on the objective by saying: "Today we will be creating a class book about the states we have discussed this year."
2. Have students review cooperation rules such as:
 - ◆ Work nicely together.
 - ◆ Share materials in the group.
 - ◆ Everyone should do his/her part.

NOTE: The teacher can determine the rules for his or her class.
3. Explain that students will find their name at a station. The name of the state that they will be working on is also at the station.
4. Review what a fact is.
5. Display a sample class-book page, and give students instructions for completing their pages. *NOTE: Make resources available so that students can find information on the states, if needed. You may wish to include a map students can use to trace the outline of the state they are working on.*
6. Have students share their work with the whole group.
7. Bind all pages together and place in your classroom library.



ENRICHMENT/EXTENSIONS:

Have groups of students sign up for a time when they can read their class book to other classes in the school.

Let each child take the book home for one night to share with his or her family.

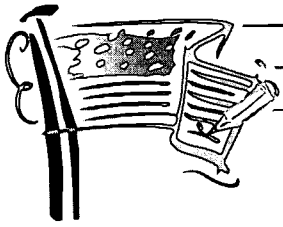
Notes:

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Date _____

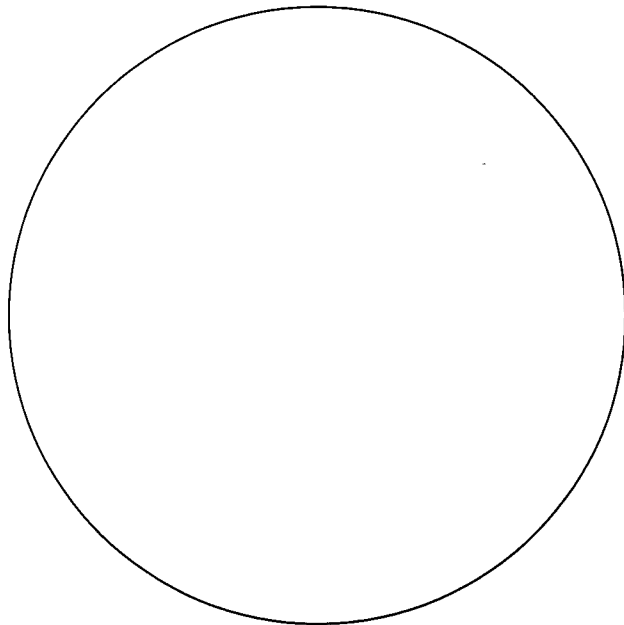


Cooperation Station

Here are facts about the state of _____.



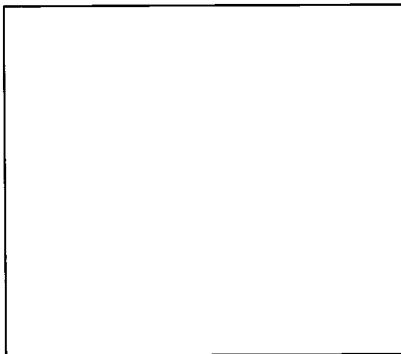
1. Draw the symbols you see on the quarter.



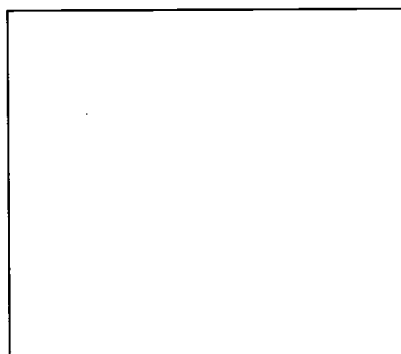
2. These symbols were chosen because _____



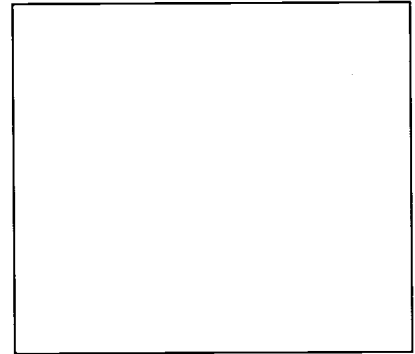
3. What are some of this state's other symbols?



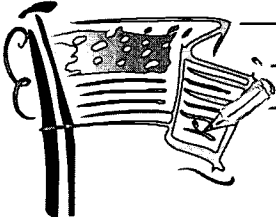
State Bird



State Flower



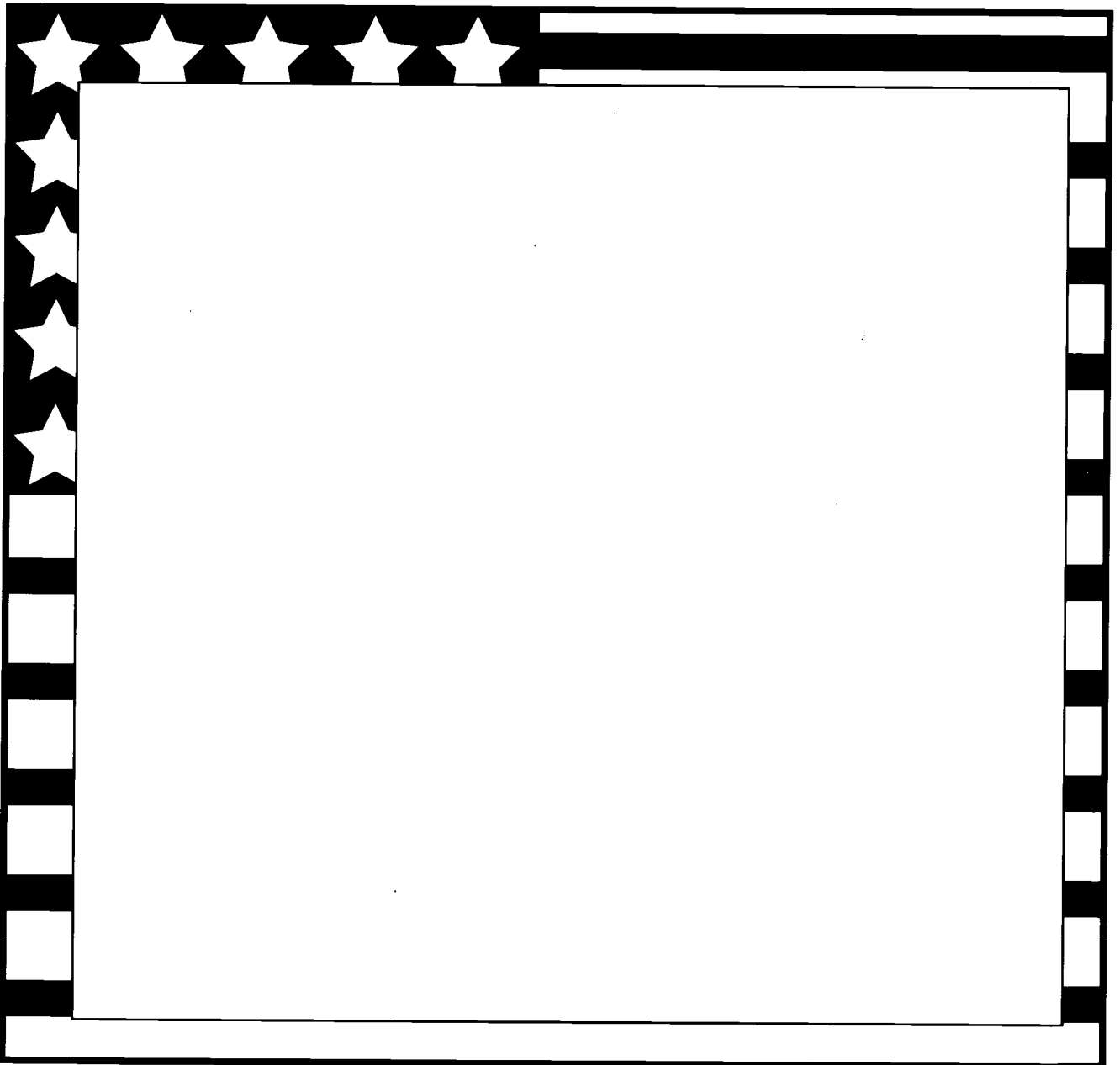
State Tree



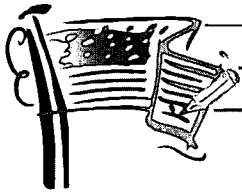
Cooperation Station

DIRECTIONS:

 Draw an outline of the state you have been assigned.



This is an outline of _____.



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Delaware

The Delaware quarter, depicting the historic horse-back ride of Caesar Rodney, galloped onto the scene as it kicked off the much anticipated U.S. Mint's 50 State Quarters™ Program.

Caesar Rodney was a delegate to the Continental Congress. On July 1, 1776, despite extreme illness, Rodney set off on the 80-mile journey to Philadelphia withstanding thundershowers and a severe summer heat wave. The next day, he arrived at Independence Hall just in time to cast the deciding vote in favor of our nation's independence. This native of Dover has also held more public offices than any other Delaware citizen. In addition to being an extremely dedicated delegate, Rodney was also a soldier, judge, and speaker of Delaware's Assembly.



State Capital: Dover
State Bird: Blue Hen Chicken
State Tree: American Holly
State Flower: Peach Blossom
State Motto: Liberty and independence

Entered Union (rank): December 7, 1787 (1)
Nickname: First State
Origin of Name: Named for Lord De La Warr
State Song: "Our Delaware"

Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania quarter, the second coin in the 50 State Quarters™ Program, depicts the statue "Commonwealth," an outline of the state, the state motto, and a keystone. This design was chosen to further help educate people about the origins of our second state, founded on December 12, 1787.

The statue "Commonwealth," designed by New York sculptor Roland Hinton Perry, is a bronze-gilded 14' 6" high female form that has topped Pennsylvania's state capital dome in Harrisburg,

since May 25, 1905. Her right arm extends in kindness and her left arm grasps a ribbon mace to symbolize justice. The image of the keystone honors the state's nickname, "The Keystone State." At a Jefferson Republican victory rally in October 1802, Pennsylvania was toasted as "the keystone in the federal union." The modern persistence of this designation is justified in view of the key position of Pennsylvania in the economic, social, and political development of the United States.



State Capital: Harrisburg
State Bird: Ruffed Grouse
State Tree: Eastern Hemlock
State Flower: Mountain Laurel
State Motto: Virtue, liberty, and independence

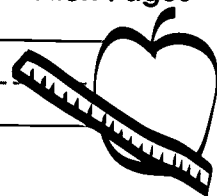
Entered Union (rank): December 12, 1787 (2)
Nickname: Keystone State
Origin of Name: In honor of Admiral Sir William Penn, father of William Penn
State Song: "Pennsylvania"

New Jersey

The New Jersey quarter, the third coin in the 50 State Quarters™ Program, depicts General George Washington and members of the Continental Army crossing the Delaware River en route to very important victories during the Revolutionary War. The design is based on the 1851 painting by Emmanuel Leutze, "Washington Crossing the Delaware."

It was a cold Christmas night in 1776 and the Delaware River was frozen in many places. General George Washington calculated the enemy would not be expecting an assault in this kind of weather. He and his soldiers courageously crossed the Delaware River into Trenton, New Jersey. Using surprise as their greatest weapon, Washington's army captured over 900 prisoners and secured the town. Later that night, his army continued towards Princeton, New Jersey, again taking the enemy by

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surprise. These two victories proved very important to his army as they gave the soldiers courage, hope, and newfound confidence. The supplies confiscated from their captives helped them survive the brutal winter of 1777.



State Capital: Trenton
State Bird: Eastern Goldfinch
State Tree: Red Oak
State Flower: Purple Violet
State Motto: Liberty and prosperity

Entered Union (rank): December 18, 1787 (3)
Nickname: Garden State
Origin of Name: From the Isle of Jersey in the English Channel

Georgia

The Georgia quarter, the fourth quarter released under the 50 State Quarters™ Program, is a real peach. The selected design incorporates several symbols associated with this traditional, yet very diverse southern state.

Just from studying the Georgia quarter design, one can learn a lot about the fourth state of the Union. The selected design prominently features the peach—a symbol long associated with the state—within the confines of a silhouetted outline of the state. Live Oak sprigs border the central design paying homage to the official state tree, the Live Oak. And if you ever need to know the Georgia state motto, simply look across the top of the design, where the words “Wisdom, Justice, and Moderation,” grace a hanging banner.



State Capital: Atlanta
State Bird: Brown Thrasher
State Tree: Live Oak
State Flower: Cherokee Rose
State Motto: Wisdom, justice, and moderation

Entered Union (rank): January 2, 1788 (4)
Nickname: Empire State of the South
Origin of Name: In honor of King George II of England
State Song: “Georgia on My Mind”

Connecticut

The Connecticut quarter, the last 50 State Quarters™ Program coin issued in 1999, features “The Charter Oak,” an important part of Connecticut’s heritage and existence. On the night of October 31, 1687, Connecticut’s Charter was put to a test. A British representative for King James II challenged Connecticut’s government structure and demanded its surrender. In the middle of the heated discussion, with the Charter on the table between the opposing parties, the candles were mysteriously snuffed out, darkening the room. When visibility was reestablished, the Connecticut Charter had vanished. Heroic Captain Joseph Wadsworth saved the Charter from the hands of the British and concealed it in the safest place he could find—in a majestic white oak. This famous tree, “The Charter Oak,” finally fell during a great storm on August 21, 1856.



State Capital: Hartford
State Bird: American Robin
State Tree: White Oak
State Flower: Mountain Laurel
State Motto: Qui transtulit sustinet
 (He who transplanted still sustains)

Entered Union (rank): January 9, 1788 (5)
Nickname: Constitution State
Origin of Name: From an Indian word, “Quinnehtukqut,” meaning “beside the long tidal river” or “long river place”
State Song: “Yankee Doodle”



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Massachusetts

Did you know that the design for the Massachusetts quarter was submitted by two fifth-grade students?

The Massachusetts quarter, the first quarter of the new millennium, features a design of "The Minuteman," a famous statue that stands guard at The Minuteman National Historical Park in Concord, Massachusetts.

The selected design captures a piece of the Bay State's exceptional history. The Minutemen played a big role in protecting our nation, as they rallied together to help defeat the British during the Revolutionary War. These small, influential forces consisting of farmers and colonists, were always at-the-ready and were trained to assemble and fight on just a minute's notice—hence the term "minutemen."

legislature, it was also crucial to our national history. From 1783-1784, the Maryland Statehouse served as the nation's first peacetime capital. The Treaty of Paris was ratified here, officially ending the Revolutionary War. A treasure preserved, the Statehouse continues as the country's oldest state capital building still in legislative use.

Leaf clusters from the official state tree, the White Oak, and the nickname the Old Line State complete the selected design. Maryland is nicknamed the Old Line State in honor of its "troops of the line." These troops won praise from George Washington, who was Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.



- State Capital:** Annapolis
- State Bird:** Baltimore Oriole
- State Tree:** White Oak
- State Flower:** Black-Eyed Susan
- State Motto:** Fatti maschii, parole femine (Manly deeds, womanly words)
- Entered Union (rank):** April 28, 1788 (7)
- Nickname:** Old Line State
- Origin of Name:** In Honor of Queen Henrietta Maria (wife of King Charles I of England)
- State Song:** "Maryland! My Maryland!"



- State Capital:** Boston
- State Bird:** Chickadee
- State Tree:** American Elm
- State Flower:** Mayflower
- State Motto:** Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem (By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty)

- Entered Union (rank):** February 6, 1788 (6)
- Nickname:** Bay State
- Origin of Name:** From Massachusetts tribe of Native Americans, meaning "at or about the great hill"
- State Song:** "All Hail to Massachusetts"

Maryland

The Maryland quarter, the second in the Year 2000 series, highlights the striking dome of the Maryland Statehouse.

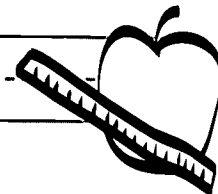
Through its new quarter, our seventh state shares its pride for the honored Maryland Statehouse. A distinctive building dating back to 1772, it features the country's largest wooden dome built without nails. Besides housing Maryland's colonial

South Carolina

The South Carolina quarter, the eighth coin released under the 50 State Quarters™ Program, shows key state symbols—a Palmetto Tree, the Carolina Wren, and the Yellow Jessamine. The Palmetto Tree represents South Carolina's strength. The Carolina Wren's song symbolizes the hospitality of the state's people. The Yellow Jessamine, a delicate golden bloom—a sign of coming spring—is part of South Carolina's vast natural beauty. An outline of South Carolina, and a star indicating the capital, Columbia, form the quarter's background.

The Carolina Wren, the state bird, and the Yellow Jessamine, the state flower, are native throughout South Carolina. The importance of the Palmetto Tree, the state tree, dates back to the Revolutionary

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War. In 1776, colonists in a small fort built of Palmetto logs successfully defeated a British fleet trying to capture Charleston Harbor. Since then, South Carolina has been called "The Palmetto State."



State Capital: Columbia
State Bird: Carolina Wren
State Tree: Palmetto
State Flower: Yellow Jessamine
State Mottos: . . . Animis opibusque parati
 (Ready in soul and resource) and Dum
 spiro spero (While I breathe, I hope)

Entered Union (rank): May 23, 1788 (8)
Nickname: Palmetto State
Origin of Name: In honor of King
 Charles I of England
State Songs: "Carolina" and "South Carolina
 on My Mind"

New Hampshire

The New Hampshire quarter, the ninth coin released under the 50 State Quarters™ Program, honors one of the state's most unique natural attractions, "The Old Man of the Mountain." The state's motto, "Live free or die," and nine stars, representing New Hampshire being the ninth state to ratify the Constitution, complete the design.

"The Old Man of the Mountain" is a rock formation that can be found on Mt. Cannon in the Franconia Notch gateway to Northern New Hampshire. From the right view, this unique rock formation, comprised of five layers of Conway red granite, depicts the distinct profile of an elderly man gazing eastward. Geographers believe that the layers of granite were positioned by the melting and slipping away action of an ice sheet that covered the Franconia Mountains at the end of the glacial period—some 2,000 to 10,000 years ago. Today, the formation, measuring over 40 feet high with a lateral distance of 25 feet, is held in place by cables and turnbuckles to prevent further slipping and possible destruction.

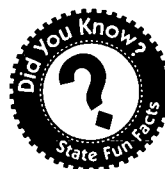


State Capital: Concord
State Bird: Purple Finch
State Tree: Paper Birch
State Flower: Purple Lilac
State Motto: Live free or die
Entered Union (rank): . . . June 21, 1788 (9)
Nickname: Granite State
Origin of Name: From the English
 county of Hampshire
State Song: "Old New Hampshire"

Virginia

The Virginia quarter, the tenth coin released under the 50 State Quarters™ Program, honors our nation's oldest colony, Jamestown, Virginia. Jamestown turns 400 years old in 2007. The selected design features the three ships, Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery. These ships brought the first English settlers to Jamestown.

On April 10, 1606, King James I of England chartered the Virginia Company to encourage colonization in the New World. The first expedition, consisting of the three ships depicted on the quarter, embarked from London on December 20, 1606. On May 12, 1607, they landed on a small island along the James River nearly 60 miles from the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. It was here the original settlers (104 men and boys) established the first permanent English settlement called Jamestown, in honor of King James I.



State Capital: Richmond
State Bird: Cardinal
State Tree: Dogwood
State Flower: Dogwood
State Motto: Sic semper tyrannis
 (Thus always to tyrants)

Entered Union (rank): June 25, 1788 (10)
Nickname: The Old Dominion
Origin of Name: In honor of Queen
 Elizabeth I, the "Virgin Queen" of England

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Release Year	Statehood Date
1999	
Delaware	December 7, 1787
Pennsylvania	December 12, 1787
New Jersey	December 18, 1787
Georgia	January 2, 1788
Connecticut	January 9, 1788
2000	
Massachusetts	February 6, 1788
Maryland	April 28, 1788
South Carolina	May 23, 1788
New Hampshire	June 21, 1788
Virginia	June 25, 1788
2001	
New York	July 26, 1788
North Carolina	November 21, 1789
Rhode Island	May 29, 1790
Vermont	March 4, 1791
Kentucky	June 1, 1792
2002	
Tennessee	June 1, 1796
Ohio	March 1, 1803
Louisiana	April 30, 1812
Indiana	December 11, 1816
Mississippi	December 10, 1817
2003	
Illinois	December 3, 1818
Alabama	December 14, 1819
Maine	March 15, 1820
Missouri	August 10, 1821
Arkansas	June 15, 1836

Release Year	Statehood Date
2004	
Michigan	January 26, 1837
Florida	March 3, 1845
Texas	December 29, 1845
Iowa	December 28, 1846
Wisconsin	May 29, 1848
2005	
California	September 9, 1850
Minnesota	May 11, 1858
Oregon	February 14, 1859
Kansas	January 29, 1861
West Virginia	June 20, 1863
2006	
Nevada	October 31, 1864
Nebraska	March 1, 1867
Colorado	August 1, 1876
North Dakota	November 2, 1889
South Dakota	November 2, 1889
2007	
Montana	November 8, 1889
Washington	November 11, 1889
Idaho	July 3, 1890
Wyoming	July 10, 1890
Utah	January 4, 1896
2008	
Oklahoma	November 16, 1907
New Mexico	January 6, 1912
Arizona	February 14, 1912
Alaska	January 3, 1959
Hawaii	August 21, 1959



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