



Several new additions for use in the classroom have been made to the United States Mint H.I.P. Pocket Change™ Web site over the past month! To help you learn about “What’s New For You,” explore some of the links that have been listed below.



[Quarter Explorer](#) - We are very excited to announce the arrival of our newest game, Quarter Explorer! Students will march down Main Street in Bison City, USA, completing tasks in order to earn Bill the Mint Buffalo enough quarters to go on a trip across the country. Students will use their knowledge of United States geography and the 50 State Quarters® Program in order to complete the tasks and earn quarters. The more quarters your students receive, the nicer Bill’s trip will be!



[Birth of a Coin](#) – As you probably already know, this cartoon allows students to witness, step-by-step, how coins are designed and minted. Now, you can download the [Acrobat storybook version](#) to print out and use in your classroom!



[December’s Coin of the Month](#) – The 1937 Roanoke Island, North Carolina, half dollar is December’s Coin of the Month. Join Goldie the Mint Fish as she explores the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the Roanoke Island settlement in 1587. Maybe you will be able to uncover what exactly happened to the “Lost Colony”!

[New Nickels](#) – The familiar nickel design will undergo a bit of a change in 2004. The new nickels will commemorate the 200th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson’s Louisiana Purchase and Lewis and Clark’s famous Corps of Discovery. Have students see and read about the two new nickel reverse designs to be released in 2004. It’s a great way to show students that coins really are History In Your Pocket!

[Fun Facts](#) – A new Fun Fact is available each month, but you don’t have to settle for one fun fact at a time! You can have even more fun and see pictures that go with the facts on the special Fun Facts pages. Just click on a fact at the top of any H.I.P. Pocket Change page and learn some little known stories of the United States Mint and American coinage!



Lesson Plan Contest – We would like to thank everyone who submitted a lesson plan to the “Coins in the Classroom” Lesson Plan Contest. We are pleased to announce that the winners of the contest have been selected and notified. Currently, we are working on making these lesson plans available to you. Be sure to check the [Lesson Plan Contest](#) page for updates.

Please remember that your coin-centric lesson plans are always a welcomed addition to H.I.P. Pocket Change, and may be [submitted](#) directly to the site at any point in time!

Lesson Plans – You may already be familiar with our [50 State Quarters Program Lesson Plans](#), but did you know that a whole library of coin-centric lesson plans is also available? Visit our [Lesson Plans](#) page and explore by subject area the dozens of lessons contributed by classroom teachers. While you’re at it, visit this new lesson plan, recently added to the [H.I.P. Pocket Change](#) Web site!

Lesson Name	Curricular Area	Grade Level(s)
1. Serving Our Nation	Social Studies	3-5, 6-8



Teacher Features – While you can always find these great classroom ideas in the Teachers section of H.I.P. Pocket Change, be sure to click on the Teacher Feature icon whenever you spot it on the site to find ideas that relate directly to whatever you’ve just read!

Feature Name	Related Content	Covered Curricular Area
1. What Really Happened?	December’s Coin of the Month	Language Arts and Social Studies

All of these resources, and more, are at your fingertips each time you return to the United States Mint [H.I.P. Pocket Change!](#)

Thanks again for your interest in all United States Mint activities. If you find this information useful, make sure you share it with a friend!