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Over the past month, several changes have been made to the United States Mint H.I.P. Pocket Change™ Web site, specifically with teachers in mind! To help you learn about “What’s New For You”, explore some of the links that have been listed below.



[Cents of Color](#) – Have your students add their own sense of color to each quarter in the 50 State Quarters® Program as they are released into circulation. Now including the 2004 quarters!

[Puzzle Mint](#) – In this puzzle activity, students are challenged to put together the pieces of the latest coins in the 50 State Quarters Program. Now premiering the 2004 quarters!



[February’s Coin of the Month](#) – Help Peter the Mint Eagle celebrate Thomas Edison’s birthday and check out his “brightest” invention, the light bulb, now featured on a new commemorative coin.

[The Coins Are Coming](#) – Be among the first to see the newest quarters designed for the 50 State Quarters Program. Check out the new Michigan, Texas, Florida, Iowa, and Wisconsin quarter designs and learn about the states themselves as well!

The quarters aren’t the only new coins heading your way! Be sure to check out the [Commemorative Coins](#) page to learn all about Thomas Edison and the commemorative coin that honors his ingenuity in inventing an efficient lightbulb filament.



[Michigan State Quarter Day In The Classroom](#) – Learn all about the launch of the 26th quarter in the 50 State Quarters Program. Examine all of the fun classroom activity ideas that H.I.P. Pocket Change has developed to help you celebrate the launch of Michigan’s quarter in your own classroom.

[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!



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. <u>Give It Up!</u>	February’s Coin of the Month	Social Studies and Language Arts
2. <u>Location, Location, Location</u>	Fun Fact #43	Mathematics, Science and Social Studies



50 State Quarters Program Lesson Plans – In case you missed this last month, download these brand new FREE lesson plans that were created specifically with the 2004 quarters in mind! For grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-6, they will expand your students’ knowledge about the individual states, related history and geography, and the rich diversity of our national heritage.



Are you a secondary teacher interested in introducing the 50 State Quarters Program into your curriculum? Well, now you can! We are very excited to introduce our brand new 50 State Quarters Program lesson plans, written by educators, and designed for grades 7-12. Visit the [50 State Quarters Program Lesson Plans](#) page to download these FREE plans today!

Travel Guide Quiz – Try out the new and improved Travel Guide Quiz. Students will test their knowledge of the quarter designs by answering trivia questions! The quiz is a part of the [Seeing the States Web Quest](#), which challenges students to explore the coins in the 50 State Quarters Program, and the unique heritage of our nation.

An additional spot to visit in February:



To celebrate Black History Month, visit Inspector Collector’s “[Medal Mania](#)” workshop, where he has grouped all the medals that relate to Black history together. Alongside the beautiful images of the medals, you’ll find descriptions of the people who received them and some of the accomplishments that won them the honor of being cast in gold.

All of these resources, and more, are at your fingertips each time you return to [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!