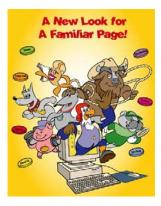


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Over the past month, several changes have been made to the United States Mint H.I.P. Pocket Change[™] Web site, specifically with teachers in mind! To help you learn about "What's New For You", explore some of the links that have been listed below.



New Homepage Design - **You'll see big change at H.I.P. Pocket Change!** That's right - this favorite spot for both kids and adults has recently changed the look of its homepage! Without losing its kidfriendly look, the new page design responds to mouseovers of the navigation buttons by displaying hints about the activities and materials available in each of the site's sections. Additionally, the new page design includes activity announcements on which users can click in order to travel directly to highlighted features! Be sure that you have downloaded the latest <u>flash player</u> and come visit <u>H.I.P. Pocket Change</u> today to check out its new look!



Financial Literacy Month – H.I.P. Pocket Change is all about coins! And taking a close look at coins can help a youngster begin to grow into a fiscally responsible adult. Did you know that April was Financial Literacy Month? Check out some of this site's fun activities and lesson plans that promote basic economic understanding.



<u>May's Coin of the Month</u> – May is an important month for the commemoration of Lewis and Clark's journey. Not only does the new 2004 Lewis and Clark Expedition Commemorative Silver Dollar become available this month, but May is also the month in which Lewis and Clark started their journey in 1804! Join Nero the Mint Police Dog as he teaches us about the new silver dollar.

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!



<u>New Nickel Lesson Plans</u> – We are very excited to announce that the lesson plans designed for the Westward Journey Nickel Series[™] are now available for free download! These new designs commemorate the Louisiana Purchase and the journey of Lewis and Clark. The Westward Journey Nickel Series Lesson Plans were designed for teachers, by teachers, for grades K-6. A Resource Guide (K-12) is also available for download. Visit the <u>New Nickel Lesson Plans</u> page today!



<u>Teacher Features</u> – While you can always find 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.	Fun with Lewis and Clark	May's Coin of the Month	Language Arts, Social Studies

All of these resources, and more, are at your fingertips each time you return to <u>H.I.P.</u> <u>Pocket Change</u>!

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!