Discover collecting fun with The Amazing Lincoln Cent!

Coin collecting has been around for thousands of years, and is an exciting way to bring the past to life! Plus, there are so many great things to learn about coins. Today, one of the most popular coins in America is the Lincoln cent. Let’s find out why!

What’s on your penny?

- **Motto**
  - This Latin phrase translates to “Out of many, one.”

- **Coin’s edge, or “rim”**

- **Lincoln Memorial**
  - A building in Washington, D.C. dedicated to Abraham Lincoln

- **Engraver’s Initials**
  - Initials of Frank Gasparro, who made the reverse design

- **Mint Mark**
  - Where the coin was made

- **Date**
  - Year the coin was made

- **Liberty**
  - Honors America’s freedom

- **Engraver’s Initials**
  - Initials of Victor D. Brenner, who made the obverse design

- **Denomination**
  - How much the coin is worth

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln is hidden on the reverse of the cent, too? See if you can find him! Try not to peek — but the answer is below!

History of the Lincoln Cent

The Lincoln cent may be the only U.S. penny you’ve ever seen. It’s been used for more than 100 years — it’s even older than your great-grandparents! Try to imagine when these coins were first made in 1909...

- Computers & cellphones hadn’t been invented yet
- Very few people had cars
- A newspaper cost a penny

A lot has changed since then! But one thing is still the same — people love to collect Lincoln cents. That’s because they honor one of our country’s most famous presidents!

Who was Abraham Lincoln?

Mr. Lincoln was born in a tiny log cabin in 1809. When he was young he didn’t have much, but he studied and loved to read. Because of his hard work, in 1861 he became president of the United States! As president, he led our country through the Civil War. He’s shown on the obverse of the Lincoln cent, which was first made in 1909 to celebrate what would have been Abraham Lincoln’s 100th birthday.

Turn over to start your collection!

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Answer: Look closely at the center of the Lincoln Memorial. The person shown between the columns is a statue of Lincoln. Bury inside the Memorial in Washington, D.C.

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Now that you’ve learned about Lincoln and his coin, it’s time to...

Collect the Lincoln Cent!

Reverse Designs:
- Memorial
- Birthplace
- Formative Years
- Professional Life
- Presidency
- Union Shield

Here’s how to get started:
1. Find the year and mint mark (if there is one) on each coin.
2. Place each coin with its labeled circle above.
3. Look for the special reverse designs that are shown to the left, too!
4. Keep your eyes open for other Lincoln pennies that you can add to your collection.

Congratulations – you’re a cent collector!

Visit LittletonCoin.com/LincolnCent4Kids to find out more about coin collecting!

Keep your coins safe:
Many collectors store their coins in folders like these to keep them safe and organized!

Finding the Mint Mark
Do some of your pennies have a letter under the date? That’s called a mint mark!

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Denver - "D" mint mark