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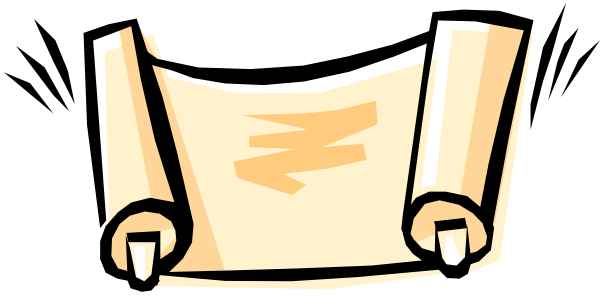

An important part of studying history can be accomplished through placing yourself into that historical setting. After observing, and possibly attributing, your coin you will write either journal entries from the person on the coin's point of view, or a story about someone using that coin. Your entries or story must be at least 2 pages in length. Below are some hints and guidelines for the writing style of your choice.

Journal Entry From A Ruler's Standpoint:

- Do some research on your ruler, type in their name on www.google.com , www.yahoo.com , or any other appropriate search engine. You will want to read about significant events in the ruler's life. Choose one event to write some personal journal entries about.
- If you cannot identify your ruler, choose one of the following: Constantine the Great, Probus, Diolectian, or Theodosius II.
- Be sure to write from the ruler's perspective. What were they thinking, feeling, seeing, etc.
- You should write in a first person format. For example, "I saw that the Gaul's would be difficult to beat, so I devised a plan…"

Story About A Coin:

- Your story could be about an important person in Roman history who handled the coin, a slave who found it, the good/bad luck of all who carried it.
- You may wish to find the value of your coin in Roman times to help you decide how the coin was used, or who may have used the coin.
- You can write this from any perspective, whether it is from an outside observer (third person) or from an individuals point of view (first person).

Be sure to use proper grammar, complete sentences, capital letters, and proper paragraphing. If you use a book or website for historical information, be sure to reference it properly (see the References sheet), and include this information at the end of your writing. Be sure to proof read your writing. Have fun and be creative!

If you wish to view some student work from all grade levels, go to **http://ancientcoinsforeducation.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=46&Itemid=118**

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