

## DIRECTIONS FOR ORIGINAL COIN DESIGN

1) Choose a famous Roman, historical event, etc.  
**YOUR COIN MAY NOT DUPLICATE - OR EVEN COME CLOSE TO DUPLICATING - AN ACTUAL COIN DESIGN.**

2) Design a coin with the following details:

- 8-1/2 x 11 white paper
- black ink or marker
- round coin (make the image big enough; both obverse and reverse on the same page)
- OK to color coin gold, silver, or bronze color, but not required
- Obverse; consider how to portray the person (or whatever)
  - Head/bust facing right/left?
  - Figure bare headed, laureate, radiate, diademed?
  - Draped? Cuirassed?
  - Dressed or crowned in some other fashion?
  - Legend or inscription in Latin

If you wish to use some of the standard abbreviations, this is OK...but again, think about whether any of them are appropriate for the design you want. You will probably have to author your own inscription; be certain that what you write is appropriate for the person.

- Reverse
  - Depiction, attributes
  - Legend or inscription

You should decide what event or achievement or aspect of the person/event you wish to show on the reverse and write something in Latin appropriate to express that. I would like you to use something original rather than copy something already used on coins.

- A second sheet of paper explaining
  - Who/what is depicted (using proper terminology; see Anatomy of a Roman Coin sheet)

- o The words inscribed (Latin and English translation)
- o Why you chose this particular way to depict the person/event
- o The denomination of your coin

If you wish to do something somewhat fanciful (like an alternate version of history in which Cleopatra becomes empress or Hannibal rules Rome for a while), it's OK **AS LONG AS YOU OK IT WITH ME BEFOREHAND.**

I will consider the following when I grade your design:

- Neatness - No, you do not have to be a professional artist, but you cannot turn in something messy or obviously prepared in haste or at the last moment - Yes, computer images are OK to use.
- Appropriateness to the person chosen
- Originality, historical content
- What the coin expresses about the person chosen
- Similarity in spirit and execution to actual coins
- Inclusion and correctness of all required details