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Elementary

The United States Mint H.I.P. Pocket Change™ Web site is all about coins! And taking a close look at coins can help a youngster begin to grow into a fiscally responsible adult! Check out some of this site's fun activities and lesson plans that promote basic economic understanding...

FAQ (same questions answered for each website)

How easy is it to get started?

No registration is required. However, you may choose to join the Teacher's Network and the site will let you know:

- When new [lesson plans](#) are added to the site.
- What's in the latest issue of the [Making Cents](#) quarterly enewsletter.
- "[What's New for You](#)," a monthly update on the site's features.
- What the newest H.I.P. Pocket Change [projects and activities](#) are.

Members of the Teachers' Network can opt in and out of any of the Network email notifications at will. You specify your level of involvement. Update your profile any time you wish!

Is this website a stand-alone lesson or is it best used as a supplement?

This website is best used as a supplement. There are games and activities that could be used in addition to other teaching activities/lesson plans.

How much time will my students need to complete the activity? Also, is this one activity or a series of activities that must be completed as a whole?

The various stand-alone activities and completion time will vary according to the choices the teacher and individual students make. Highlights include:

- What do your students know about saving money? Examine your student's attitude towards saving with the lesson plan [Do You Like to Spend or Save?](#). Or use the lesson plan [Alexander's Coin Conundrum](#) to watch the choices made by a young boy as he spends money that he receives as a gift.
- [Common Cents](#) is a unit plan containing lessons that introduce first and second graders to the basics of using coins. Be sure to click on the individual lesson plans to get the step-by-step procedures for each activity!
- [Money Hungry Piggy Bank](#) and its related Teacher Feature, [Money Matters](#), will get your students excited about saving their money! In these fun activities, students will make

papier-mâché piggy banks and participate in a group competition, where they will compare coin values.

- [Plinky's Create-a-Card](#) is an educational game that gives players a virtual allowance to spend. Your students can use correct change combinations to buy pictures, and add them to a card that they can print and color on their own! Don't forget to read through the Teacher Feature, "[Cha-ching!](#)" that was developed to accompany this fun game!
- [Quarter Explorer](#) lets players earn quarters by answering questions about 50 state quarters and the states that appear on them. They have to budget their money to make sure Bill doesn't have to travel by bike when he visits those states!
- [Coins of the World](#) brings travelers across the sea to see other lands and their currencies. They'll spend a virtual allowance in euros, yen, or dollars seeing the sights!
- [Time Machine](#) is a portal to historic events and the coins that famous figures carried in their pockets. Get a taste of the part that money has played in our nation's history.
- [Coin Collector's Workshop](#) gives a tour of the world of coin collecting and tips for one's own collection. After all, collecting is one way to manage money!

Students could replay the various games provided numerous times. The teachers will need to keep in mind that there is a lot of reading that many of the really young students will not be able to complete individually so these may best be used as whole-class activities.

What kind, if any, assessments or pre-/post-testing is provided?

No assessments or pre-/post-testing is provided.

Are there any supplements or lesson extensions provided for the classroom?

Yes. Teachers can access all the lesson plans and games for FREE.

What grade levels would benefit from this website?

This website is best used with students grades K-5. There are lessons provided for grades K-12; however, 10 of the 17 lessons provided focus on grades K-3.

What topics are covered by this website?

Students will be exposed to coins and saving vs. spending.

What Kentucky Core Content does the website address?

PROGRAM REVIEW: Practical Living & Career Studies

MATH

K.MD.1-3

1.MD.1-3

2.NBT.2

3.NBT.2.

2.NBT.5.

2.NBT.6

2.NBT.7

2.NBT.8.

SOCIAL STUDIES

S-EP-3.1.1

S-EP-3.2.1

SS-EP-3.3.1

SS-EP-3.3.2