Penny rubbing

Old coins give archaeologists clues about ancient civilizations and famous people at different times in history. What will our coins tell future scientists about us? Let’s make a coin rubbing and find out.

WHAT YOU’LL NEED
• One penny
• One nickel
• One dime
• One quarter
• Coins from other countries, if you have them
• Pencil
• Thin white paper

WHAT YOU’LL DO
1. Lay the penny, nickel, dime and quarter face up on a table or desk.
2. Put a piece of thin white paper over them.
3. Take a pencil and rub the side of the sharpened tip back and forth over each coin, until you can see the imprint.
   - How are they the same?
   - How are they different?
   - What can you learn about a country and its people from its coins?

DID YOU KNOW?
• The mineral that coats the Statue of Liberty is copper, as thick as two pennies put together.