



LVNS Youth Program

Young Numismatist's Monthly Discussion

The U.S. Civil War

“The Early Years – 1859-1862”

1. **“Black gold” and silver were struck in 1859. Where (which states)? What is the Comstock lode?**
2. **Who led the Federal troops to put down the raid on the Harper’s Ferry arsenal? Are they featured on any U.S. Coins?**
3. **Which design replaced the flying eagle cent? What makes the 1859 small cent a one year type? What is the wreath on the reverse a depiction of?**
4. **Where were (which mints) the 1859 Silver Dollars struck?**
5. **How was the reverse of the small cent changed in 1860? What was the composition of the metal?**
6. **What are the two distinct differences on the obverse of the 1860 cent? Which variety is more valuable and why?**
7. **What was the country’s main export in 1860? Is that depicted on a U.S. coin?**
8. **Who were the Presidential candidates in the election of 1860? Which one(s) are featured on our coins? Hint: there were four of them!**
9. **Which of the states was first to secede and when? After the bombardment of Ft. Sumpter (April 12, 1861), what became of the southern mints?**
10. **What was the first actual battle of the war? Are there any coins depicting it? Hint: It is called by different names by the North and the South!**

Bonus: Were there any actual Confederate coins?