



# LVNS Youth Program

## Young Numismatist's Monthly Discussion

### The U.S. Civil War

#### "Appomattox, Assassination, and Reconstruction – 1865-1866"

1. What was the date of Lee's surrender to Grant? Where did it take place?

Who was Wilmer McLean?

2. When was President Lincoln assassinated? Where, and by whom?

3. Which coin (denomination and composition) was first minted that year? Why was it issued?

4. Why was the mintage reduced to less than half the following year?

5. Which "proof" issue is the lowest mintage, and thus the rarest of the proofs (with some exception of the "proof only" issues?

6. Which of the Shield Nickels is a "one year only type"? What makes it different from the rest?

7. Which year is of two types? Which of the two is more valuable? Why?

8. Who designed these early "nickels"; both the three and five cent coins?

9. Who became the 17<sup>th</sup> President of the U.S. upon the assassination of Lincoln and thus presided over "Reconstruction"? What is he most famous for and which coin(s) is he featured on?

10. What denominations are the "Classic" commemoratives of the Civil War? What are some of the "Modern" commemoratives and which denominations are those coins?

**Bonus:** Which of the following coins could President Lincoln NOT have ever seen ?

1. steel cent
2. two cent piece
3. silver three cent piece
4. shield nickel
5. bust half dime
6. seated liberty dime "with arrows"
7. twenty cent piece
8. bust quarter
9. Barber half
11. Morgan dollar
12. liberty quarter eagle
13. three dollar gold
14. a "Stella"
15. Indian half eagle