

Young Numismatist's Monthly Discussion The U.S. "Trade Dollar"

- 1. The Coinage Act of (<u>what year</u>) authorized the production of a "Trade" dollar? <u>Why</u> was it produced?
- 2. Who designed it, and which other denomination(s) did he design?
- 3. What is <u>one(1)</u> significant difference between it and the "standard" silver dollars that were being minted at the time?
- 4. Which mint(s) actually produced the coins?
- 5. What are the two(2) "proof only" years listed in the <u>100 Greatest U.S. Coins?</u> How many are known?
- 6. What is a "chopmark" and why is it significant?
- 7. What are some things you might do to determine a "counterfeit" or altered" piece?
- 8. What is one(1) obvious difference between the <u>obverse</u> of a Type 1coin and a Type 2 coin?
- 9. What is <u>one(1)</u> obvious difference between the <u>reverse</u> of a Type 1 coin and Type 2 coin?
- 10. Compare the mintage of the 1878S "Morgan" to the 1878S "Trade" dollar. Why did San Francisco mint two versions of a <u>dollar</u> coin that year?

Bonus: Why was production of the "Trade" dollar discontinued?