

RIBBONS & BOWS



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FESTIVE RIBBONS and bows brighten packages and decorations, especially during the holiday season. As design elements, ribbons, banners and bows are found on U.S. coins, often bearing inscriptions, sometimes as personal adornments. Test your knowledge of U.S. coinage by answering the questions below. *solution on page 143*

1. Of the Jefferson nickel, Washington quarter and Franklin half dollar, which one does NOT show a Founding Father with his hair tied back in a ribbon?
2. One of the first areas of the Lincoln cent to show signs of circulation wear is an article of clothing worn around his neck. What is this neckwear called?
3. On the 2002 Tennessee state quarter, what inscription is found on a banner?
4. The first U.S. half dimes portrayed Liberty with her hair flowing freely. What do we call the design that replaced it, which shows Liberty's hair pulled back with a ribbon?
5. The term "Full Split Bands" refers to the ribbons around the fasces on what coin's reverse?
6. The initial "M" appears in the lefthand loop of ribbon on the reverse of the dollar issued from 1878 to 1921. What does the initial stand for?
7. The 2006 Nevada state quarter shows the state nickname on a banner. What is it?
8. What is the motto that first appeared on a United States coin in 1864—inscribed on a banner on the new 2-cent piece?
9. A well-struck coin of this series exhibits detail on the Indian's hair above the tie in the braid. What is the series?
10. Which of these coins shows Liberty with some of her hair fastened with a ribbon: the nickel 3 cents or the silver 3 cents?
11. What is written on the banner that divides the 2007 Arizona state quarter into two sections?
12. Which Chief Engraver's initial "L" appears on the Indian Head cent obverse redesigned in 1864?
13. The 1999 Georgia state quarter features a hanging banner inscribed with the state motto. What three words make up the motto?
14. What is inscribed on the banner draped across the shield on the Seated Liberty half dollar obverse?

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1. Franklin half dollar
2. Bow tie
3. Musical Heritage
4. Draped Bust
5. Mercury dime
6. Morgan (George T.)
7. The Silver State
8. In God We Trust
9. Indian/Buffalo nickel
10. Nickel 3 cents
11. Grand Canyon State
12. James B. Longacre
13. Wisdom, Justice, Moderation
14. Liberty