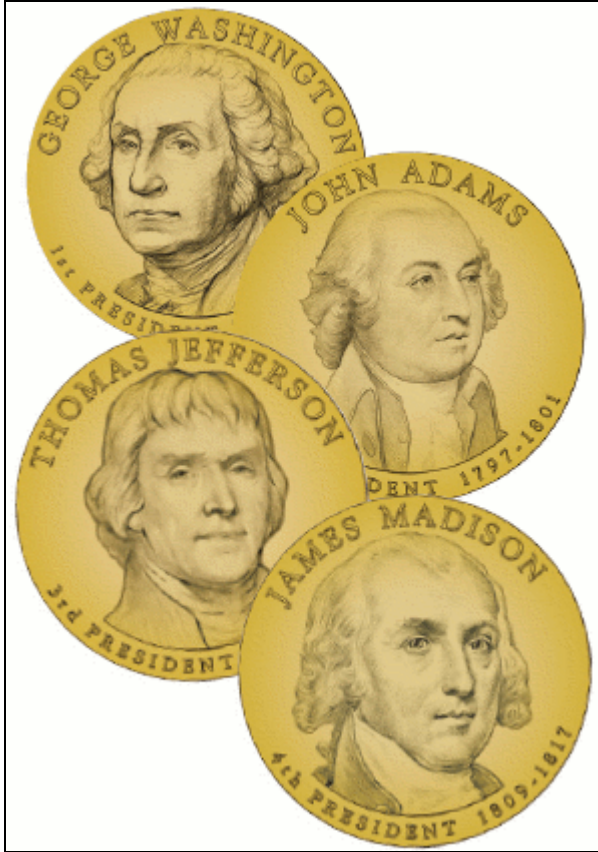


Time for Change

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U.S. Mint

Just in time for Presidents' Day on February 19, [2007] the U.S. Mint is releasing new \$1 coins honoring former U.S. presidents. Beginning February 15, [2007], the **mint**¹ will **circulate**² the first coin, which depicts George Washington—and that's only the start.

The series will honor four different presidents per year in the order in which they served in office. On the reverse side of the coin will be the Statue of Liberty. The next three coins released this year [2007] will feature John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison. They will **debut**, or be introduced, throughout the year.

"I believe this program is a great opportunity for educating both children and adults about the history of our country," says lawmaker Michael Castle from Delaware. He helped pass the new coin **legislation**, or law.

With the exception of Grover Cleveland, each president will appear on only one coin. Cleveland was the only president to serve two terms that weren't **consecutive**, or back-to-back. To be depicted on a coin, a president must have been dead for at least two years.

1 **mint**: a place where money is made

2 **circulate**: to be passed from person to person

Past presidents aren't the first people to be depicted on \$1 coins. Female leaders Susan B. Anthony and Sacagawea have appeared on the coins. Anthony dedicated her life to fighting for women's rights in the 1800s. Native American guide Sacagawea led explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their westward journey to find a route to the Pacific Ocean.

The idea of rotating coin designs comes from the 50 State Quarters Program. Those quarters began circulating in 1999. The State Quarters Program has been very popular, introducing millions of people to coin collecting. The U.S. Mint hopes the presidential coins will be as successful.

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“Time for Change” Question

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 - c. Only Cleveland did not serve consecutive terms.
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Answers will vary. Students should write out a detail and explain how it relates to the main idea.

Suggested Additional Vocabulary: series, depict, release, rotate