

Mythological Coin Cards: Scavenger Hunt

Directions: Search among the coin cards for each item listed below. Use the **Abbreviations on Roman Coins** handout to help you. For questions that ask you to find a coin, write the coin card's number in the blank.

N.B. - Every card will be used as an answer, and TWO cards will be used twice.

1. Find a coin with the abbreviation for “commander.” _____

2. Find a coin that shows the god Mars and a portrait of the first emperor of Rome. _____

3. Find a coin with the two letters that stand for “Father of his Country.” _____

4. Find a silver coin that features the Minotaur and his home. _____

5. Find the coin that shows Hercules capturing the three-headed dog, Cerberus. _____

6. Find a coin whose reverse inscription ends with the letter that stands for “son.” _____

(Hint: This coin shows Medusa and Pegasus.)

7. Find a silver coin that shows the Chimera. _____

8. Find a coin depicting an emperor who was consul for the third time. _____

9. Find a coin that depicts Vesta on one side and Jupiter on the other. _____

10. Why do you think mythology was often featured on coins? How might a depiction of a god or a mythological scene be useful to the emperor?