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?