**Connections:  
Canadian Coins–Did You Know?**

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| **Toonie (2 dollars)**    − replaced paper $2 bill in 1996  − a two-colour coin  − picture of polar bear  − issued special toonie in 2008 to recognize the 400th anniversary of Quebec City | **Loonie (1 dollar)**    − replaced paper $1 bill  in 1987  − picture of a loon, the national bird of Canada  − issued special loonie in 2005 to honour Terry Fox | **Quarter (25 cents)**    − worth one quarter of a dollar  − picture of a caribou, one of Canada’s most recognizable animals  − issued poppy quarter in  2004 in honour of Remembrance Day |
| **Dime (10 cents)**    − smallest coin by size  − has picture of a famous Canadian sailboat, the Bluenose  − issued special dime in 2001 to honour the millions of Canadians who volunteer to help others | **Nickel (5 cents)**  − was originally made from nickel  − has picture of a beaver, an official symbol of Canada  − issued Victory nickel in 2005 to remember 60 years since end of World War II | **Penny (1 cent)**    − stopped being used in 2013  − cost more than 1 cent to make  − picture of maple leaves  − until 1996, the penny had  12 sides so it was easier for people with vision problems to identify it |

Look for examples of some of these coins in your piggy bank.  
Did you find any of the special coins?  
Design a coin of your choice to honour or celebrate a special event.  
Explain why you chose the design you did.