

# **One Proud Penny**

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**Synopsis:** Who knew the life of a penny could be so exciting? Born in 1983, our copper (well, zinc and copper as we find out) narrator travels everywhere from New York City to Portland, Oregon, to Puerto Rico describing in colorful detail his many adventures along the way.

**Suggested Reading Date: Tues.,** February 12 (Lost Penny Day, see link below)

#### **Activity Descriptions:**

- Do a penny rubbing w/ pencil. Add legs, arms, face, etc. Write a story about where this penny has been.
- Using a die cut circle (brown/bronze paper) create a penny character. Add legs, feet, arms, hands, face.
- Debate: should we have pennies? (see links below)
- Research other coins. What is their value? Who/what is on the head and tail. How long have they existed? What about coins in other countries?
- Point out / share the "end matter," a common feature on non-fiction books.

#### **Related Websites:**

- Lost Penny Day (Feb. 12): <https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/lost-penny-day/>
- Kindergarten Penny Lesson Video (10:14): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFD01LbrueY>
- Penny Music Video (1:12): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0h946YYIH1M>
- Penny Power Lesson ideas from Education World (good for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders): [http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_lesson/daily/p/daily/p/daily/p119.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/daily/p/daily/p/daily/p119.shtml)
- Pro/Con about pennies (not simple enough for K-3, but would give you ideas for the debate, includes a video): <https://www.moneycrashers.com/get-rid-penny-reasons/>
- US Mint Resources: <https://www.usmint.gov/learn/educators>
- Author Website: <http://randolphsiegel.com/>
- Illustrator Website: <http://www.sergebloch.com>

**Text to Text Connections:** If you like this book, you might also want to use:

*My Awesome Summer -- P. Mantis* by Paul Meisel.

*Diary of a Fly* -- Doreen Cronin

*Diary of a Worm* -- Doreen Cronin

*Follow the Money* -- Loreen Leedy

*26 letters and 99 cents* -- Tana Hoban

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