

The Canadian Penny

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Have you ever wondered or thought about the History, Facts, Symbols, and Types of Pennies? I will tell you all about the History, Facts, Symbols, and Types of Pennies. Did you know that if all the pennies were side to side, it could go around the earth 2 times! The penny is important to Canada because it is a symbol of national identity. I will also tell you when the penny was created and when it stopped.

What is a Canadian Penny?

The Canadian penny is a copper coin worth 1cent. It is 19.05mm long and 1.45mm thick. The magnetic penny weighs 2.35g. The Nonmagnetic penny weighs 2.25g. It was created in 1858 and started selling in 1908, at the Royal Mint in Ontario, Canada . The look of a nonmagnetic penny and magnetic penny's look has no difference. It costed 1.6 cents to make one penny.

Symbols

The Maple leaf on a penny has two maple leaves on the same twig. The designer of the penny is George-Edward Krug. In 1937 and wasn't changed until 1967, a rock dove was designed by a Canadian artist named Alex Colville. The rock dove's meaning was Peace and Spiritual value. Then the penny was changed back to the maple leaf in 1968. They both had the Queen on it. (Queen Elizabeth.)

When it started and stopped.

The first penny had Queen Victoria on it with on the other side had a picture of Briatannia seated, holding a trident.(A trident is a three pronged sword.) It was made in 1858 and started selling in 1908. Until the cost of making pennies got too expensive. It costed 1.6cents to make one penny. So the Royal Mint stopped selling and making pennies.

Types of Pennies

Did you know, the rarest penny is a dot penny? There are only three existing dot pennies out of approximately 35 billion pennies. Another rare penny is the “No shoulder fold”. There are only 67 million No shoulder folds existing. You can tell the difference between the shoulder fold and the no shoulder fold . The shoulder fold has a shoulder fold on the queen’s shoulder and the no shoulder fold has no fold on the queen’s shoulder.

Conclusion

Now you know about the Canadian penny! It is important to Canada ‘cause it is a symbol of national identity. Now you know what a penny is, symbols of the penny, when it started and stopped, and types of pennies. When we were learning, we also got to learn things about Canada. That's all about the Canadian penny!