

# Famous Women on Coins and Medals

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Slide Set #7

# Athena – Goddess of Wisdom



A Dekadrachm (10 Drachms)  
Athena was the guardian deity of ancient Athens, Greece

# Athenian Owl – Lady Owl?



The Athenian Owl found usually in profile, here faces the viewer

# Arethusa-Goddess of the Fountains



A Dekadrachm of Syracuse, circa 400 B.C.  
The work of ancient engraver Kimon

# Arsinoe – Wife of Ptolemy II

A gold  
Octodrachm



Arsinoe was wife to Lysimachus first (a general of Alexander the Great), then after he was killed in battle, she married her own brother Ptolemy II

# Cleopatra



Ruling Egypt from 50 to 30 B.C. she was the last Greek Ruler

# Reverse of a coin of the Ptolemys



Standing Eagle clutches a thunderbold in its claws

# Joan of Arc, 1412-1429



Martyred by being burned at the stake for her religious & military exploits

# Isabel, Queen of Castile



Is this commemorative quarter the only U.S. coin to depict a foreign monarch?

# Elizabeth I of England, 1558-1603



During her reign, Shakespeare, Spencer, & Bacon lived, Sir Francis Drake and others made discoveries in the New World; the Spanish Armada was defeated

# Pocahontas, 1595?-1617



Did she save Captain John Smith? Only the Shadow knows!

# Christina, Queen of Sweden



She became queen at age 26 on her father's death, but resigned after 14 years on the throne. Unsuccessful in returning to the throne she died in 1689

# Queen Anne of England, 1702-1714



During Anne's reign, England united with Scotland and captured Gibraltar, the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea

# Maria Theresa, of Hungary



Her silver bullion coin is still being struck with the 1780 date. She was the wife and daughter of an emperor, and had 16 children, many becoming dukes, queens, etc.

# Elizabeth of Russia, 1741-1761



Her reign was one of constant intrigue and war

# Isabel II of Spain



The last queen of Spain until modern events

# Florence Nightingale



Born in Florence, Italy, she became a nurse at 22, and after ministering to the soldiers during the Crimean War, returned to England and established nursing colleges

# Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale



Discovered at age 9 by an actress, she was admitted to the Stockholm Conservatory and made her operatic debut at age 18

# Reverse of the Jenny Lind Medal



Medal shows the Goddess of Genius & Art; inscription reads “The Spirit of Art”  
In exergue, it reads “By the Royal Musical Academy”

# Victoria, Queen of England



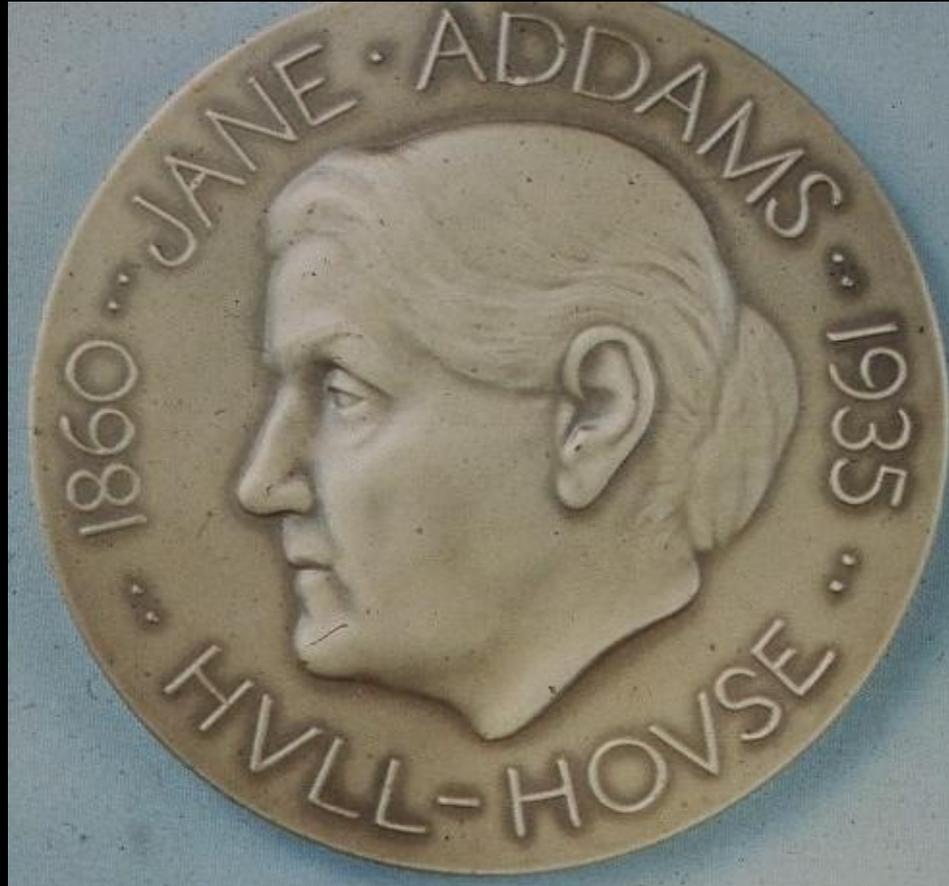
Victoria ruled for 63 years and England was a world power during her entire reign

# Susan B. Anthony



An abolitionist, temperance society member, and woman's suffrage champion

# Jane Addams



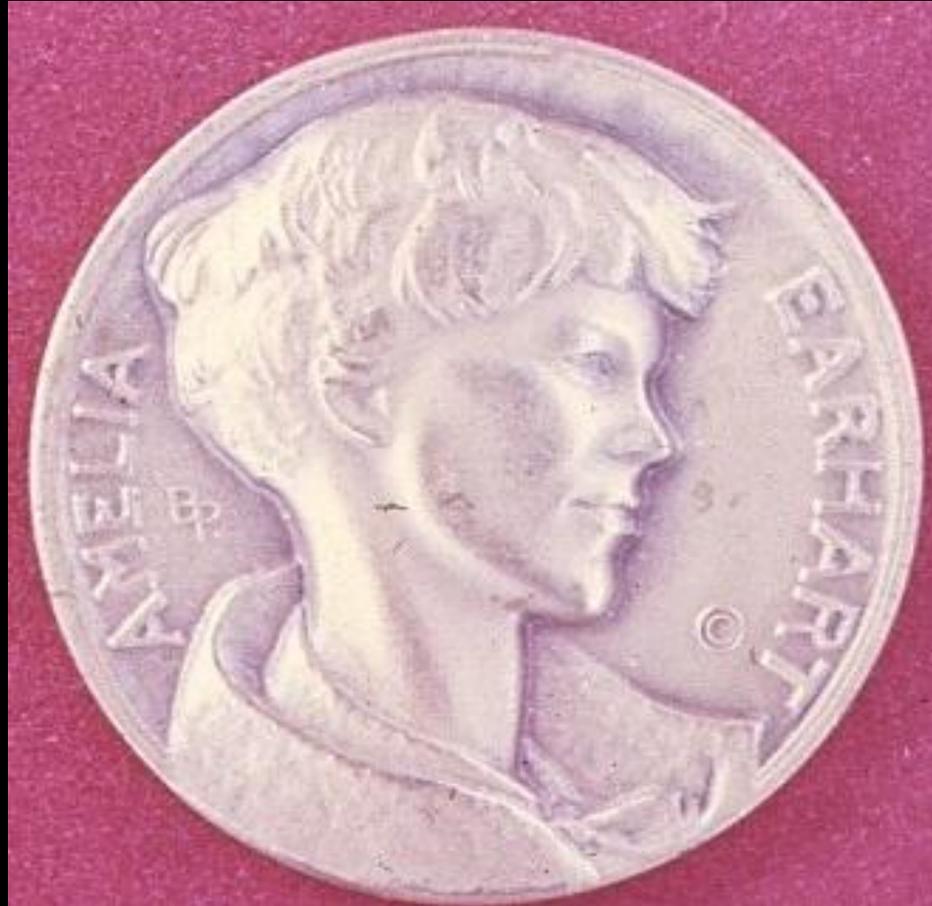
A humanitarian, founder of Hull House for the underprivileged; she developed the first public playground in Chicago, fostered child labor laws, juvenile courts & woman's suffrage

# Marie Curie



With her husband Pierre, discovered the element Radium for which they won the Nobel Prize in 1903; later she was the first woman to win the Chemistry Nobel Prize in 1916

# Amelia Earhart



She was 39 years old when she undertook the flight around the globe, never to be heard from again after leaving Hawaii on that fateful flight

# Frances E. Williard



She was the first female dean of Northwestern's woman's college, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and is one of 8 women elected to the American Hall of Fame at New York University

# Queen Wilhelmina



Succeeded her father to the throne of the Netherlands at age 10

# Queen Juliana



Succeeded to the throne of the Netherlands in 1948 when her mother abdicated in her favor

Hilary Clinton?

We shall see!