Altered Coins

Visual Education Set #31
Soldered Numeral 7s
Solder under Numerals
1909-S (S fell off!)
Mintmark Soldered
Altered Mintmark
Another Soldered Mintmark
VDB was placed on the bust truncation beginning in 1918
Numeral “4” Altered
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Clever Fake

No VDB on truncation & check spacing between the “9” and “1”
Another Altered “4”
VDB has been scratched on truncation & check spacing between the “9” and “1”
1914-D
VDB has been scratched; spacing between the “9” and “1” is uniform, so…
The second “1” has been soldered between the “9” and “4”
“D” removed
1931-S
Field was “dimpled” then the mintmark was applied
1943 Copper
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Made from a 1948 cent
1960 Small Date

Faint trace of the removed “D” is visible
1937-D Three Legged

The “hoof” remains on genuine specimens.

Genuine specimens have a diebreak from the Bison’s stomach to the mound.
1916- D Mercury

Is this a genuine coin or not?
1942 over 1941 Mercury
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Is this a genuine coin or not? No, “4” should be doubled on a genuine specimen. The field has been scraped to make a “1”
1932-S Washington 25 Cents

Is this a genuine coin or not? No, Mintmark has been added
1931-D Walking Liberty

Is this a genuine coin or not? If not, why not?
1914 $2.50 Gold

The “nick” is evidence of re-reeding.
Model

The roughness in the field means it was tooled outside of the mint.
Suggestions

1) Always remove a coin from its holder
2) Check numerals for uniformity, spacing, tooling
3) Check the coin’s field for indications that features have been added, removed, or altered
4) Consult the available literature for more information and to educate yourself