

# U.S. Mint Releases New Jefferson Nickel

The U.S. Mint has released nickels with a new image, or picture, of President Thomas Jefferson on the front.

Over the next year, one billion of these new nickels will be released.

The new 5-cent coin is special because Jefferson is shown facing forward. The image of Jefferson is based on a painting of him done in 1800. Jefferson's new image was chosen to show that he was looking for ways to move the country forward when he was president. The faces of presidents on all other U.S. coins are shown in profile, or a side view.

On the back of the nickel is Monticello, Jefferson's home in Virginia, which many people still visit today.

This is the last in a series of special nickels that were released starting in 2004. The nickels celebrated the 200th anniversary of the exploration of new U.S. lands by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Jefferson was the president who asked Lewis and Clark to go on the trip, which took place from 1804 to 1806.

## MORE FACTS ABOUT THOMAS JEFFERSON

- Thomas Jefferson was the third president of the United States. He served from 1801 to 1809.
- He also is famous for his role in writing the Declaration of Independence.



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## THINK ABOUT THE NEWS

If you ran the U.S. Mint, and were in charge of creating a new coin called the three-quarter (the coin would be worth 75 cents), whose image would you choose to put on that coin? How would you decide?