

Name _____

Date _____

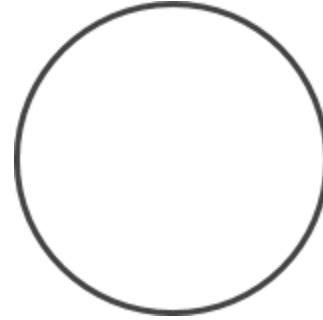
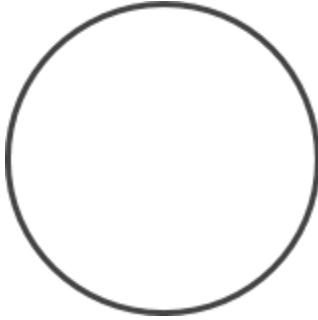
Pick a Penny

Objectives:

Improve your observation skills needed for forensic investigations
Improve your attention to detail and sketching skills

Procedure:

1. Carefully examine the penny you have been given using the hand lens.
2. In the circles below draw both sides of your penny (heads and tails):



3. Document as many individual characteristics as you can in the data table (add to the table as needed):

Characteristic	location	Other information

4. Return penny to the teacher.
5. Based on your penny sketches try to identify your penny from all the pennies at the front of the room.
 - A. My penny is number _____ because of the following

Then answer B or C:

- B. Another investigator also chose my penny because of the following reasons

C. No other investigators chose my penny which means the following

Analysis Questions:

1. What system or procedure did you use to narrow down the possibilities for identifying your penny? Be very specific in at least two complete sentences.

2. Did the accuracy and detail of your sketch help you in finding your penny? Explain in one complete sentence.

3. Make a list of the class characteristics of a penny.

4. Make a list of the individual characteristics of your penny.

5. Observing a penny relates to forensic science because _____

This activity helped me to improve my crime scene investigation skills by
