



Grading United States Coins EPISODE 1

Grading United States Coins: Course Introduction

CLASS ORIGIN

Grading United States Coins is a course developed by Don Bonser and Jim Stoutjesdyk. Presented annually at the ANA's Summer Seminar, this course examines the qualities and characteristics of coins to help students accurately determine a coin's grade from the ANA standards and market grading standards.

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MEET THE INSTRUCTORS

DON BONSER

- Full-time coin grader based in Florida (since 1993)
- Started collecting as a kid in Pennsylvania
- At 16, attended the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, CO on a scholarship
- In 1988, became an ANA intern
- After completing his internship, hired at ANACS as a trainee grader and authenticator

JIM SOUTJESDYK

- Vice president of Heritage Auctions
- Influenced by his dad's personal coin collecting
- Visited and later worked at a coin shop in Flint, Michigan
- Became an ANA YN (Young Numismatist) and attended Summer Seminar, exhibited at shows, and wrote articles
- In 1988, became an ANA intern
- Graduated from the University of Michigan
- Worked with Superior Galleries in Beverly Hills, CA, first as a showroom manager, and later as director of retail sales
- Moved to Heritage Auctions in Dallas, TX, first as a showroom manager, and later as retail sales, buyer, and vice president of numismatics

COIN OF THE EPISODE

1900-O Morgan Dollar

- Heavily worn
- Full Rim

Graded as G-6

