Video Discussion Questions

Directions: Read the questions below before watching the video “Meet the Mint.” Then watch the video and answer the questions.

Word Study! In this video about making coins, you hear the word die. It can mean:
- a. a mold for pressing a design into metal or other materials
- b. to stop living
- c. the singular form of dice; a cube used in games, with a different number of spots on each side
Which meaning is used in the video? ______

1. Who decides when the U.S. Mint should create new coins?

2. What are two ways in which computers help artists design new coins?

3. Number these steps in the coin-making process from 1 to 5, in the order in which they happen:
   _____ Machines cut round blanks from 1,500-foot long sheets of copper or nickel.
   _____ A conveyor belt moves the blanks into coining presses.
   _____ Dies stamp a design into the head and the tail of each blank, making it into a coin.
   _____ An inspector checks the quality of the coins.
   _____ The coins are poured into bags that are stored in vaults until they go to banks.

Making Connections! Read the debate, “Should America Get Rid of the Penny?” on pages 26 and 27 of Storyworks. What can you infer from the video about why making pennies is costly?