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• **Chronology.** Lay this week's coins out in chronological order on the table. Take the list of military/political historical events and place them where they belong on your numismatic timeline.

...Can you tell if city-states are responding to military/political events in their minting choices? Do you see particular kinds of developments over time? Can you tell if the city-states are responding to each other's imagery...?

• **Geography.** Lay the coins out on the map of Sicily, on the cities that minted them.

...Do you see geographical patterns? Do the coins of a particular city-state retain the same imagery? Is there any kind of geographical influence on which city-states are minting what kinds of imagery...? Can you tell if they are responding to each other (you'll have to think chronologically as well as geographically about that question)?

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• Coins can function as windows in all directions. What directions appeal to you when you look at a coin? Pick one and investigate it (it doesn't have to be one of the topics I've listed here – whatever you find most interesting!)

Here is a list of things that spring to my mind, looking at the chariot-wreck tetradrachm:

- Molded double-flan technique
- History
- Politics
- Economy (standards?)
- Trade
- Visual connections to other contemporary city-states
- Connections to tradition
- Portrayals of current events
- Religion
- Individual artists - signature?
 - Something else???
- Technologies
- Artistic developments
- Connections to myth/legend/text!
- Iconographic features, such as
 - Style (okay, this is not iconography)
 - Quadriga (four-horse chariot)
 - Nike figure
 - Wreath held by Nike
 - Charioteer's dress
 - Charioteer's whip
- Number of wheels shown
- Number of horses
- Chariot wreck
- Ground line
- Objects in exergue
- Deity on reverse rather than obverse
- Deity facing right
- Arethusa
- Drilled pupil in eye
- Hairstyle
- Hair net – including embroidery?
- Earring type
- Dolphins – shape, variety, instances when they are shown
- Positioning of legend
- “K” behind head – signature?
- Signed coins
 - Who
 - What
 - When
 - Where
 - Why

...And anything else that is of interest to you!