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Queens on coins: Queen Anne

In 1703, the great mathematician Sir Isaac Newton was Master at the Royal Mint. He oversaw the production of just a handful of special Queen Anne coins made of gold seized from Spanish treasure ships in 1702 at Vigo Bay in Northern Spain. Today, these are among the rarest and most valuable coins in the world.

By Royal Order, the gold treasure captured at the Battle of Vigo Bay in Spain shall be used to mint a series of gold coins. These guineas will be marked with the word VIGO to remember this great victory by our fleet of English warships.



Queen Anne Vigo gold five-guinea coin 1703

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Anne
Queen of England,
Scotland and Ireland
1702-14