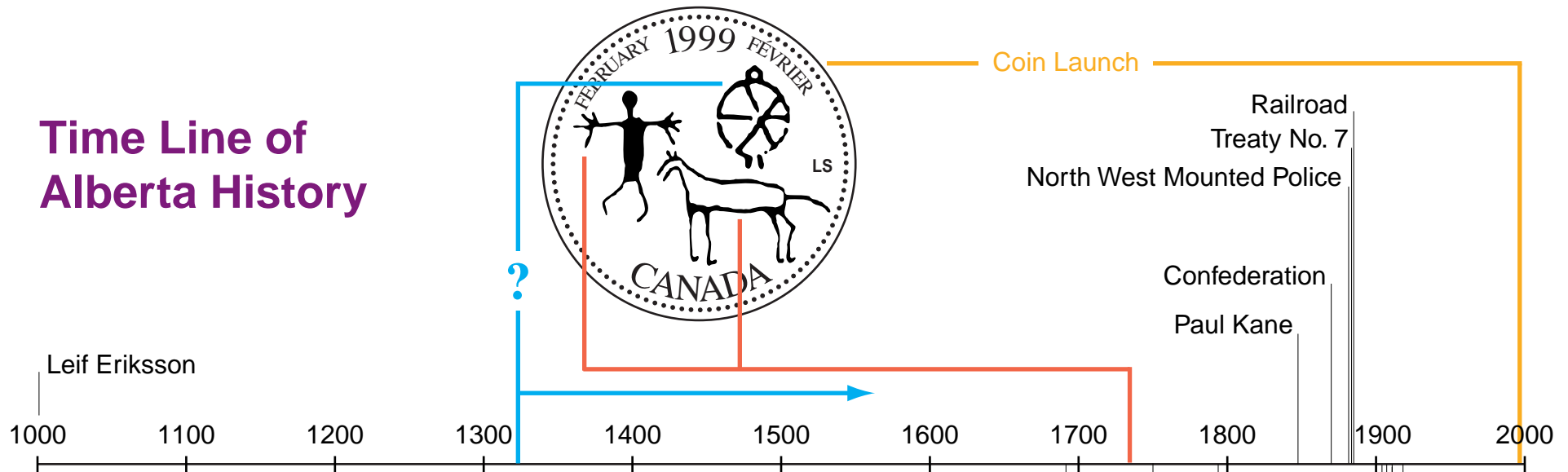


# Celebrating Canada's Past Millennium!

## Time Line of Alberta History



The February 1999 millennium coin, designed by Lonnie Springer, harks back to the mystery and drama of Canada's distant past. It depicts an electrifying place: Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park in southern Alberta.

For many centuries the bizarre rock formations here have attracted aboriginal peoples. By carving and painting on the soft, golden-sandstone cliffs, the First Nations of the prairies recorded important events and communicated with the spirit world.

The petroglyphs (rock carvings) illustrated on this millennium coin - the human figure, the horse and the shielded warrior - give us a vivid glimpse of native history and spiritual life. The coin also documents with startling clarity the arrival of the horse in western Canada.

Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park is ... *"a place in which the stories told in the rock have long outlasted the story-tellers!"*

Lonnie Springer