


ON THE MONEY

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On the Money: Teaching US History at the drop of a dime


- Materials that can introduce students to large historical events in American and World History are closer than you think . . .
- (or I guess not-so-close at times . . . Hhmmmm)



What's in your wallet?

Mine doesn't have anything in it either.


Stop looking through my bag!



But let's try something quick – Who has change? (I also take large bills)

Quick and Easy

One way to engage the meaning of money is simply by dealing with the persons depicted on it. This is the simplest form of the application. Combined with SPEECH it can inspire some fun activities.




Eisenhower Silver Dollar


Face Value

Lets consider some facts about the money in this room using and SPEECH.


Have students name 1-10 things about the face on the coin. Then categorize and explain them via SPEECH.



1 thing about Washington



2 things about Adams



3 things about Jefferson

Make some change: (over time)

- Use two denominations:
- Example: James Monroe and John Kennedy.
- How did foreign relations CHANGE between their presidencies?



Big Assignment huh?

- If you focus too much on the minutia – it's nearly an impossible task in a school year or lesson.
- What are the big foreign policy endeavors in between the two?
- Have the students focus on the BIG EVENTS. Then you can spiral deeper into the content as needed.
- Then we can make a generalized statement about where we started and where we ended.

HEY (first) LADIES – Get funky!

One of the BEST things to be produced in recent years is the collection of First Wives coins. This isn't the OFFICIAL list of first ladies mind you – but rather wives – YES – there is a difference.



The First First Lady of . . .



Remembering who?



And who did she remember?



Buchanan's Liberty? Is there a clue to this "W"? (Why)



You're only limited by the speed at which the coins (or images) are produced. OR NOT . . .

- For those of you that teach modern American History – have your students create the coin images using similar criteria for the earlier figures. Only the future can give you a grade on that.
 - OK maybe not – but predictions can be fun.

Let's Give it a Try

- Since we're talking about the West, Expansion, and the Great Depression let's see if we can investigate these topics.
 - Pick the most significant person, topic, event, place, document and draw a coin depicting your interpretation of your selection.
 - Don't worry, I won't judge you on your artwork.

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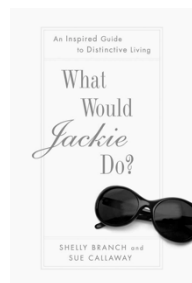
Hmmmm

- So – you just selected one event or idea and decided that it was the most iconic or representative of that person or event.
- I think I just tricked you into developing a thesis statement.



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I wait for the day . . .



What about using the back of bills to unlock some history?



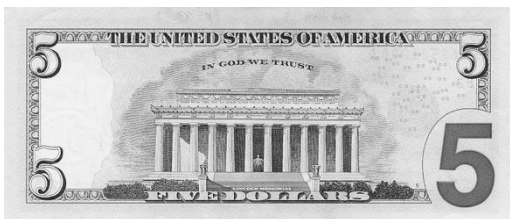
The \$2 Bill – the most misunderstood denomination in the country.



And maybe the most interesting



The Lincoln Memorial



Well what do we have here? – this is a favorite find . . .



The reverse . . . A visit from Columbia:



More famous here – but we can connect the themes.



The US Treasury – so unhappy they replaced the old on . . .



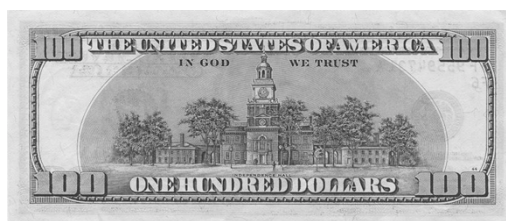
Loving the car on the back of the bill. JANUS anyone?



The White House



Independence Hall



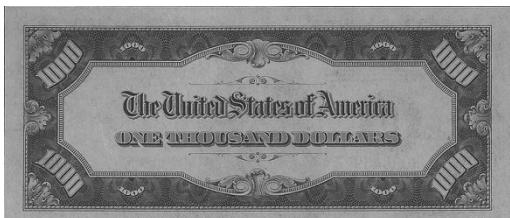
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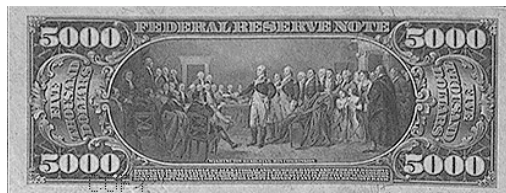
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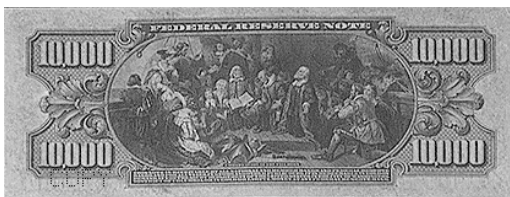
No points for creativity



George Washington resigns his commission.



The Embarkation of the Pilgrims



A boy can dream . . . Currency that was reserved for exchange between banks.



Let's Face the Facts – notice anything unusual?



Let's investigate – shall we?

- What sort of things could I look for on the bill that would give me some clues?
- Let's talk:

Maybe you'd like to talk about the importance of women in history?



Or the most important year in our history . . . this is just a vanity slide.



Native Americans



Westward Expansion



And



SPEECH-able Teachable Moments: State (and territory) Quarters



Washington



Crossing the Delaware



To the Crossroads of the West

- What big historical event can be found on this coin?



Aren't you a peach?



American "imperialism" and emergence in the world . . .



Let's White Out a State Quarter:



Ohio!!!!



Enter into an economics unit . . .

- What was considered wealthy in 1929?
- 1939?
- 1946?
- 1983?
- 2010
- The current value of old money - click me :)



Are we living in a material world?

- In this 1985 the artist Madonna sang about money. Who was the President in 1985? What was the national debt? Unemployment?



World History Teachers . . .

- You're certainly not left out.
- The EURO has national designs
- Older paper currency images can be found as well!



OK – Here is a reference section for you . . .

- I'm going to run through all of the bills now.
- Hold on tight
- Don't make a move for the screen – the money isn't real
 - I already tried
 - We get through what we can – the pressure is on off – but there is some NEAT stuff in here . . .

A Penny Saved . . .



Is a Penny LEARNED . . .



Thomas Jefferson



Franklin D. Roosevelt



George Washington



John F. Kennedy



Dwight D. Eisenhower



George Washington



Thomas Jefferson



Abraham Lincoln



Alexander Hamilton



Andrew Jackson



Ulysses S. Grant



Ben Franklin



William McKinley



John Marshall



Grover Cleveland



James Madison



Salmon P. Chase (Supreme Court Chief Justice)



Woodrow Wilson



Any extensions or modifications?



Thank You SOOOO Much!

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