### money matters

**session 1**

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| History of Money  | 10 minutes | To learn what people used before money. | **Questions**  
  - What is money?  
  - What is money made out of? (cotton & linen)  
  - Why do we use it?  
  - What did we do before we had money? (trade & barter) |
| Trade and barter  | 10 minutes | To understand why people began using paper and coin currency. | **Role Play**  
  - Choose one student to be a baker, carpenter, farmer and goat herder.  
  - Have them discuss how the farmer will get bread or how the goat herder will have his house built, etc.  
  **Questions**  
  - What would you do if you wanted to travel to the next town or farther away?  
  - How many goats can you fit in your pocket?  
  - Is it easier to carry three goats or a wallet of bills?  
  **Discussions**  
  - As we started trading with people farther away we needed a currency we could carry.  
  - Our first currency was shells, salt and metal since these items were very rare.  
  - We now use bills and coins backed by each country or union.  
  - What metal backs the U.S. Dollar? (gold) |

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## Activity

**Draw a Bill**

### Time

10 minutes

### Objective

To identify the basic components of a dollar bill.

### Description

**Student Activity Page**

- Hand out the Draw a Bill Student Activity Page.
- You will have 10 minutes to draw the front of a one dollar bill.
- You cannot look at one; work off of your memory.
- Try to include as many details as possible.

**Discussions**

- A one dollar bill has a picture of President George Washington, our first president.
- The letter in the black seal tells us which Federal Reserve Bank placed the order or this bill (L = San Francisco which is the closest Federal Reserve Bank to Oregon).
- “This note is legal tender …” is why one dollar is worth one dollar (the bill itself is not worth a dollar).
- You can track where your dollar bill has been by going to the website www.wheresgeorge.com.