

Do You Know All There is to Know about Money?

It is what we all work for, but how much do you really know about the money in your wallet? Money was first issued in 1861 by the U.S. government. On the \$1 bill you will see a pattern of the number “13” which represents the 13 Original Colonies. There are 13 steps on the pyramid which is unfinished but we will get to that. You can find 13 stars above the eagle too. Money is made from 75% cotton and 25% linen. Green was originally hardest to counterfeit which was why it was used on money and green also represents stability and growth.

HOW MONEY IS MADE

To design a new note it takes several years which is kind of amazing that it takes that long! The designs feature American images, icons and history to provide a sense of America that you can hold in your hand! The engravers have to train for 12-15 years to learn how to engrave perfectly. So you can be assured that all your bills are 100% detailed! They engrave all the designs backwards so it is readable once printed. Once the master plate is completed it is washed with deionized water and soaked in rustproof solution. The plate is soaked in a nickel salt solution for a day, and then another sheet of bills grows from the salt solution which is probably the coolest part. Be honest, isn't that cool? Then the sheet is inspected by engravers. This isn't so great, if there are any mistakes the entire process goes back to the beginning. Then the plates are coated with chrome as thick as an average human hair.

Next cash is printed using special ink that is color changing and shifting. Then all the crazy technology they own inspects the bills and puts the last touches on the bills. The last step is to cut and package money and send it to the Federal Reserve to distribute.

Fun Stuff

With the new \$100 bill, the truck going to the Federal Reserve was robbed and experienced other inconveniences on the trip. So sad. The different denominations of U.S. currency are: \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, \$5, \$2, and \$1. The richest person in the world is Jeff Bezos who founded Amazon. U.S. dollars were once called “greenbacks” because of the color of green. Also back in the day, U.S. money was not paper—it was gold, diamonds and emeralds. New bills are in the works to show more women, specifically Harriet Tubman on the \$20, Marian Anderson and Eleanor Roosevelt on the back of the \$5 bill.

Did you learn anything new about money from my paper? Because I worked really hard on it.