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Read the passage. Use the ask and answer questions strategy to better understand key details in the text.

# **American Money**

Think about a dollar bill. On it is an image of George Washington. But Washington was not always on the dollar. And the dollar was not always green. American money has changed over time.

## **Continental Currency**

The American Revolution cost money. The colonists thought of a way to pay for the war. They printed a kind of paper money. These bills were called Continentals. But Continentals were not backed by gold or silver. After the war they lost their worth.

## A New Country, A New Currency

If at first you don't succeed try, try again. The United States had won the war. Now they needed their own money. The dollar became the United States unit of currency in 1785. The first United States pennies were made in 1793. They were worth one cent each. One hundred pennies equaled one dollar. The first pennies showed a woman with flowing hair. She was called Lady Liberty. Today, President Lincoln is on the penny. Other presidents are on our money too. George Washington is on the quarter. Thomas Jefferson is on the nickel. Andrew Jackson is on the \$20 bill.

# **Honoring American Leaders**

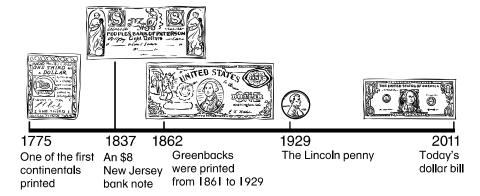
Ben Franklin was a famous author, scientist, and statesman. He is on the \$100 bill. Sacagawea was a Native American woman. She helped Lewis and Clark reach the West Coast of North America. She is on a special dollar coin.

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## Free Banking Era

A good name is better than riches. In 1836 most banks did not have good reputations. Any bank could print money called bank notes. Bank notes came in many colors, shapes, and sizes. A dollar note in Maine did not look the same as a dollar note in New York. Often bank notes could only be turned in for coins at the bank that made them. Some banks did not have gold or silver to back them up. There is a proverb that says, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." Many people only had dollars from one bank. Soon people had dollars that they could not use.



#### Greenbacks

In 1861 the first greenbacks were made. These notes used green ink. They were the same in all the states. \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills were the first greenbacks. Later, \$1, \$2, \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1000 bills were printed too. The faces of presidents were shown on them. George Washington was on the dollar bill for the first time in 1862. The North used greenbacks during the Civil War. The South used their own paper money called Confederate dollars. History repeats itself. Just like Continentals, Confederate dollars lost their worth when the war ended.

# **American Money Today**

The Federal Reserve is in charge of printing money today. In 1929, it started printing smaller dollars. We still use these dollars today. Our money has changed over time. Who knows what the dollar will look like in 100 years!

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A. Reread the passage and answer the questions.
1. What are two key details in paragraph 3?
2. What kind of money was being printed during the Free Banking Era?
3. Name two key details from the section called "Greenbacks."
4. What is the main idea of the whole passage?

B. Work with a partner. Read the passage aloud. Pay attention to accuracy. Stop after one minute. Fill out the chart.

	Words Read	_	Number of Errors	=	Words Correct Score
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Second Read		_		=	

# Where Does Dollar Come From?

We use dollars all the time, but where does the name come from? The word dollar actually comes from an older word, thaler, and its spelling has changed over time. Thalers are silver coins once widely used throughout Europe. They got their name from the place where the silver was mined, Joachimsthal, a town in what today is the Czech Republic. At first, these coins were called Joachimsthaler, but this long name was shortened to become thaler.



## Answer the questions about the text.

- 1. How can you tell that this is an expository text?
- 2. What topic does the text tell you about?
- 3. What text feature is included? What does it tell you?
- 4. Where does the word dollar come from?

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Read each passage. Underline the paragraph clues that help you understand the meaning of each proverb or adage in bold. On the line, write the meaning of the proverb or adage.

- 1. The colonists printed a kind of paper money. They were called Continentals. But Continentals were not backed by gold or silver. After the war they lost their worth. If at first you don't succeed try, try again. The United States had won the war. Now they needed their own money. The dollar became the United States unit of currency in 1785.
- **2.** Some banks did not have gold or silver to back them up. There is a proverb that says, "**Don't put all your eggs in one basket**." Many people only had dollars from one bank. Soon people had dollars that they could not use.
- **3.** The South used their own paper money called Confederate dollars. **History repeats itself**. Just like Continentals, Confederate dollars lost their worth when the war ended.

### A. Sort the words in the box below based on their suffixes.

sorrowful	tasteless	certainly	happiness
hairy	fitness	handful	wireless

-ful	-less	-ness	-y/-ly
1	3	5	7
2	4	6	8

## B. Read the definitions below. Then read each word and circle the Greek or Latin root. Write the meaning of the root on the line.

The Greek root astr or aster means "star."

The Greek root log, logo, or logy means "word, topic, or speech."

The Latin root port means "carry."

The Latin root vis or vid means "see."

1.	portable	

- 2. video
- 3. asteroid
- 4 dialogue
- **5.** visible
- **6.** apology

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Evidence is details and examples from a text that support a writer's ideas. The student who wrote the paragraph below cited evidence that shows how well the author used a text feature to provide more details about the topic.				
Topic → sentence	In "American Money," the author does a good job using text features by including a time line to show information about the history of money in a visual way.			
<b>Evidence</b>	The text describes how American money has changed over time. Each section discusses a new type of			
$ \frac{\text{Concluding}}{\text{statement}} \longrightarrow $	American currency. The author includes a time line that shows the reader when each type of currency was introduced. I thought that the author's use of a time line was good because it helped to sum up the information in the article.			

Write an opinion paragraph about the text you have chosen. Show how the author uses text features to add more details about the topic. Cite evidence from the text. Remember to clearly state the topic.

Writ	e a topic sentence:
Cite	evidence from the text:
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End -	with a concluding statement: