

The Art of Currency



Long before money was created people were doing and growing things from one another. In small communities, people were able to remember the payments and receipts of what was exchanged. The problem became when it was too difficult to remember who had been paid and who was still owed. There was a time for something more practical and a universal form of payment for everyone to respect and enforce. Throughout the history of the society, forms of payment had evolved going from whale's teeth to metal money. However, carrying around large quantities of coins could be difficult so the Chinese rulers implemented the idea of keeping their heavy coins in their palace and issuing IOU certificates on paper for the long distance trading. Since paper money was the solution for such a complex task of trading goods, paper money needed to be unique and secure for people to trust and respect it, therefore, many safety features were required in order for the paper money to be unduplicated. Even though, paper money is used in only 2% of the global transactions due to technology and credit cards, paper money still relevant in the world for every day transactions.

Take four of the bills provided by the teacher and find unique characteristics about them.

This is what I see	

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Share your observations with the rest of the class and as a whole class come up with four or five key safety characteristic of the bills you analyzed earlier. Based your class conversation fill in the following chart.

Safety Feature	Safety Description

After the class discussion, it is time for you to start creating currency. By taking in consideration, the previous table, come up with four to five safety features for your bills as well as a practical authentication method for any person to be able to perform at any time. Feel free to utilize as many elements provided by your teacher to create your own safety features.

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