



Decoding the Dollar Bill

Ever wondered what all the symbols and images on a dollar bill represent? Here's your guide to the mystery behind the moolah:

- **Portrait:** George Washington, America's first president, takes center stage on the one dollar bill. The portrait comes from a painting created by artist Gilbert Stuart in 1796.
- **Circular Seal with Letter:** The letter located to the left of George Washington indicates the Federal Reserve Bank that ordered the bill. (A=Boston, B=New York City, C=Philadelphia, D=Cleveland, E=Richmond, F=Atlanta, G=Chicago, H=St. Louis, I=Minneapolis, J=Kansas City, K=Dallas, L=San Francisco.)
- **Treasury Seal:** The seal to the right of George Washington contains an image of balancing scales, which symbolize justice, and a key that symbolizes authority.
- **Pyramid:** This image on the back of the bill is meant to represent strength. Fun fact: The pyramid has 13 steps in honor of the original 13 colonies.
- **Bald Eagle:** The nation's bird holds arrows in its left talon and an olive branch in its right, which are meant to signify war and peace.



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