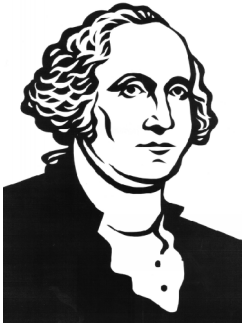


Design the First Coin

Common Sense Activities for Common Cents



Name: _____



- ✓ Review Coins of the Colonies (page 61)
- ✓ Review Mercantilism (page 65)

The War of Independence is now over and we have become the United States of America, (instead of the United Colonies). One of the many things we need to do is create our own money. However, President Washington will not allow his face on the new money (why do you think he made that decision?). What should the new coins look like? What symbols would YOU use? Think about the reasons colonists had to declare independence and themes Paine wrote about in *Common Sense*.

Look at money today—what is similar about the different coins? What symbols do you see? Create a coin that communicates what the new country is thinking about. Include a key explaining any symbols you use (and don't forget to include the value).



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