

Understanding Our Economy

The Story Of Money

(NAPSA)—Before coins or paper bills, people used gold nuggets, cattle and arrowheads in exchange for goods or services. A new online exhibit depicts the various forms of money—and shows how it has evolved over time.



A new online exhibit displays interesting artifacts from the evolution of currency.

“The Story of Money” features hundreds of images—rare artifacts, early coins, ornately detailed currency notes—from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta’s educational collection. The exhibit presents many interesting historical items and facts:

- Throughout time, money has come in all shapes and sizes, including gold shaped like a dog, once used by the Incas.

- England didn’t supply the colonies with ample coinage. Consequently, colonial governments, merchants and citizens began to independently mint coins.

- Silver certificates from 1896 are widely considered the most beautiful U.S. paper money ever issued.

To experience “The Story of Money,” visit www.frbatlanta.org, click on “About the Fed,” then “Atlanta Visitors Center.”