



Design a Bank Note

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Overview: A simple but fascinating exercise which helps children understand bank notes.

Time: 15 minutes

Equipment required: A rectangular piece of paper or card for each child. Coloured pencils or pens.

Benefits:

- Contributes to the understanding of currency and value.
- Ties in with maths and history.
- Gives children a chance to think of a public figure who they admire or consider important.

Part One:

1. Ask your child(ren) to list all the bank notes they know of.
2. Invite them to answer the question - why is the Queen's head on all bank notes?
3. Using pictures online (or real notes if you're feeling flashy), show the children who appears on the back of other bank notes.
4. Ask them to discuss why they think that person has been chosen.

Part Two:

1. Hand out a blank rectangular piece of paper/card to everybody
2. Ask them to design their own £100 note!
3. They can choose who ever they want to put on the back of the note.
4. Give each child time to explain why they have chosen this particular person.