

Pioneer Bank Money Facts.

What do the symbols on the dollar bill symbolize?

THE FEDERAL RESERVE DESIGNATION

The Federal Reserve Banks are responsible for printing money. You can find out which of the banks printed your bill by looking at the letter in the Federal Reserve Seal. Here are the bank codes:

Reserve Bank	Letter Code	District Number
Boston	A	1
New York	B	2
Philadelphia	C	3
Cleveland	D	4
Richmond	E	5
Atlanta	F	6
Chicago	G	7
St. Louis	H	8
Minneapolis	I	9
Kansas City	J	10
Dallas	K	11
San Francisco	L	12



THE SERIAL NUMBER

A unique combination of 11 numbers and letters appears twice on the front of each redesigned note.

THE U.S. TREASURY SEAL

The balancing scales represent justice. In the center of the seal, the chevron's 13 stars represent the 13 original colonies. The key underneath is symbol of official authority.



THE PYRAMID

A Pyramid of steps, representing the original 13 states.

THE EYE OF THE PYRAMID

The all-seeing eye above the pyramid is an ancient symbol of divinity.

LETTERS ON THE PYRAMID BASE

The bottom bricks of the pyramid are the letters "MDCCLXXVI." These letters are Roman numerals for 1776, the year America declared its independence.

THE NUMBER 13

The number 13 appears on the \$1 bill multiple times. You might be surprised by how many times the number shows up. There are 13 olive branch leaves, 13 arrows, 13 olive fruits, 13 steps of the pyramid, 13 stars above the eagle, and 13 bars on the shield. Although this last item is probably a coincidence, "annuit coeptis" and "e pluribus unum" both contain 13 letters.

THE EAGLE

The eagle symbolizes strength, independence, and the United States desire for peace, but will always be ready for war. The eagle holds an olive branch with 13 olives in one claw and 13 arrows in the other. Olives are a symbol of peace. The eagle is intentionally facing the olives rather than the arrows to signify the desire for peace over war.

The banner in its beak reads "E Pluribus Unum" meaning "Out of Many, One."

In front of the eagle is a shield, which includes 13 vertical stripes to symbolize the 13 original states joined under one force.

Above the head of the eagle is a crest of 13 stars surrounded by rays of light and a cloud. Each stripe represents one of the original 13 states.

