Activity Description: Students will join Monte, our Money Tree mascot, for a cross-country adventure! Solve the daily clues to learn the location of Monte’s latest journey, then mark it on your map, and complete the activity.

Time Required
- Step 1: 20 minutes
- Step 2: 5 minutes
- Step 3: 20 minutes

Directions
- Follow the steps below to learn more about Monte’s travels. After you’ve solved each clue, snap a photo with the location marked on your map and post it to @ClevelandFedMoneyMuseum on Facebook or @CleveFed_LC on Twitter with the hashtag #CLEFedSummerFun

Step 1
- Solve the clue to uncover where in the world Monte has gone.

Clues
- Monte’s first stop has something to do with a very early type of money. Read the hints listed below to identify his first location.
  - Monte lives in the Money Tree at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and near the Museum entrance is something very heavy he’s always liked.
  - It's sometimes mistaken for a wheel, and it comes from an area surrounded by ocean that is very far away from Cleveland, Ohio.
  - This special place became a US territory in 1944 during World War II.
  - The US granted it independence in 1986, but the US is still responsible for its security.
  - The archipelago is a favorite place for divers, manta rays and flying foxes!

HINT: Consider taking a virtual tour of the Cleveland Fed’s Money Museum:
Step 3  Would you like to do a scavenger hunt for things that people have used as "money" to barter and trade for goods or services? What do you think would be desired by others, would it be something not easily found, like the stones on Yap Island? Some people collect beautiful stones, seashells, or even polished pieces of broken glass that wash up on a beach. Can you find some of these treasures? Complete the activity by finding the items on the checklist.

**NATURE TREASURE HUNT**

**Objectives**  Search outside for various items.

**Materials**  A note pad and pencil to record your finds, or a camera to take pictures.

**Things to look for:**
- Colorful stones
- Shells
- Pinecones
- Seeds
- Moss
- Acorns
- Flowers
- Feathers

**Discussions**  Was it easier to find some of the things? Which items would make the best form of money? Why?

**Interested in learning more about bartering? Check out these resources:**
- What if you were on an Island and needed to barter and trade to exchange what you had for things that you need?
  - We have a game to challenge you—Escape from the Barter Islands—try your skills and tell us your score!
  - Play anywhere by downloading from the Google Play store or the iPhone App store available in both English and Spanish.
  - [www.clevelandfed.org/learningcenter/escape-from-barter-island.aspx](http://www.clevelandfed.org/learningcenter/escape-from-barter-island.aspx)

**WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MONTE?**

**ANSWER**