WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MONTE?

DESTINATION 2

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: 10 minutes
Step 2: 10 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

The second place Monte wants to go has a very important Federal Reserve Bank, and has a lot to do with his favorite subject, money! Read the hints listed below to identify the next stop on his summer adventure.

• After his delightful trip to the remote Islands of Yap, Monte is longing for some bright neon lights and big city atmosphere.

• Monte lives in the Money Tree inside the Learning Center and Money Museum at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. His city of Cleveland, Ohio is big, but where he is going is much, much bigger!

• This city has the tallest skyscraper in the United States. One World Trade Center.

• This city is known as the Big Apple.

HINT: It is the largest city east of Cleveland, Ohio.

Step 2

Mark the location on your Monte Adventure Map. Then, snap a photo and post it to @ClevelandFedMoneyMuseum on Facebook or @CleveFed_LC on Twitter with the hashtag #CLEFedSummerFun.

Step 3

Learn about the life cycle of a US bill with this interactive board game. All you need to play is a handful of coins! Each player must have their own coin to use as their player piece. Each player will begin on the first square in the cycle, at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. On your turn, flip a coin to see how many spaces you can move throughout the life cycle of a bill. If the coin lands heads up, the player may move four spaces. If the coin lands on tails, the player may move two spaces. The first player to reach the final square wins the game!
Each year, the Federal Reserve Banks place an order with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to produce new banknotes. Banknotes are eventually shredded by the Federal Reserve Banks’ cash offices when they are deemed unfit for circulation. The Cleveland Fed shreds about 4.2 billion in currency each year.

In addition to receiving the new banknotes, the Federal Reserve Banks’ cash offices process banknotes already in circulation to ensure they are genuine and fit for recirculation.

The Federal Reserve Banks’ cash offices distribute banknotes to the public through commercial banks, credit union, and savings and loan associations.

The banknotes can be used to purchase goods and services from places like restaurants, salons, and grocery stores.

The banknotes travel from the two Bureau of Engraving and Printing facilities to the 28 Federal Reserve Bank offices.

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Interested in learning more about the life cycle of a bill? Check out these resources:

- Currency Academy  https://www.uscurrency.gov/educational-materials/classrooms/currency-academy
- How is the life cycle of a bill similar to the migration of a monarch butterfly?  https://www.uscurrency.gov/media/videos

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