

MU\$EUM OF AMERICAN FINANCE

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Find the star made of marble with ten points.

1. In what year was the building built?

- a) 1796
- b) 1854
- c) 1900
- d) 1927

2. What was it built to house?

- a) The New York Stock Exchange
- b) The Bank of New York
- c) The offices of Alexander Hamilton
- d) The Federal Reserve Bank

Find the portrait of the man whose face can be found on U.S. currency for his contributions to the nation as the architect of finance without ever having been President.

3. Who is he? _____

4. What did he propose to do with the debts of all of the states after the Revolutionary War?

- a) In 1787 in the Report on Congress, he proposed that the government take on or "assume" all the states' debts
- b) In 1790 in the Report on Congress, he proposed the the individual states should be responsible for paying off their debts within the following ten years
- c) In 1790 in the Report on Congress, he proposed that the government take on or "assume" all the states' debts
- d) In 1787 in the Federalist Papers, he proposed that the government take on half the states' debts and require the states pay off the remaining portion

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5. Find the papers of Hamilton, Madison, and Jay published in 1787.

How many essays did they consist of in hopes of persuading the voters of New York State to ratify the proposed Constitution in favor of federalism, or a centralized system of power for the government instead of state power?

- a) 5
- b) 29
- c) 51
- d) 85

6. Find the entrepreneur (someone who organizes and operates a business and takes on financial risks that are greater than normal) who built his business on alternative power sources.

What does he say is the best way to measure success in the solar industry?

- a) Number of megawatts installed
- b) Number of high-level projects
- c) Number of important clients
- d) Dollars earned

7. Find the box of shredded savings.

The most influential trader in the government bond market is:

- a) The Federal Reserve of New York, part of America's central bank system
- b) Able to buy bonds to stimulate the economy by increasing the money supply and lowering key interest rates, and sell bonds to fight inflation by decreasing the money supply or increasing interest rates
- c) Able to make loans to banks
- d) All of the above

8. Find the genealogy of the Bank of America, which has its roots in more than 50 other banks dating as far back as 1784.

How has this bank succeeded when all the smaller banks it has acquired have not or, how do banks make their money?

- a) by lending money to people and companies and charging them more money in interest than they pay back to those who deposit their money with the bank
- b) By charging fees for underwriting insurance policies, arranging mergers, dealing in foreign exchange and other services
- c) By charging a fee to depositors for securely holding their money
- d) Both A and B

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Find the place where money is the brightest idea.

9. Which of the following has NOT been a method used to prevent the production of counterfeit (fake) money over the course of U.S. financial history?

- a) Nature prints
- b) Watermarks and U.V. sensitive designs
- c) Hidden fingerprints in the dollar pattern
- d) Color-shifting ink

10. All of the following have been used as alternative forms of currency, mimicking traditional dollars and coins in times of shortage, EXCEPT:

- a) Berkshares
- b) Dollar-shaped gold bar pieces
- c) Wooden nickels
- d) Scrip

11. Find the speaker and radio.

Stocks in companies of various industries, including transportation, communication, utilities, and technology are traded on the stock market by shareholders who buy and sell shares through brokers. What is a stock/share?

- a) A contract where a company will pay back stockholders for their loan with interest after a set period of time
- b) An ownership or a stake in a company
- c) An agreement to buy a portion of the company at a set time in the future
- d) A purchase agreement that will result in the delivery of goods

12. Find the ticker tape for which there would be no parade.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average tracks the stock values of the top U.S. companies in order to track the general movement in the stock market. In what year did the greatest fall after the greatest rise in the average begin, leading up to the Great Depression?

- a) 1904
- b) 1929
- c) 1975
- d) 2003

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13. Find the ingredients of a traditional American breakfast.

These items as well as other goods are traded on the market as commodity futures by:

- a) An agreement to buy or sell an ownership share of the company that trades these goods on the market
- b) An agreement for the purchase or sale of a commodity of a specific quality and quantity at a specific location at a predetermined price at a specific time in the future
- c) An agreement to buy or sell a specific amount of commodities in the future at a price that will not be determined until the time of delivery
- d) An agreement that loans money to the commodities industry with the promise that the money will be returned, plus interest

14. Find fortune by the stacks.

The technology used to help with trading by delivering stock information has changed greatly over the years using all of the following instruments, EXCEPT:

- a) Telegraph machines
- b) Universal Stock Tickers
- c) Graphing calculators
- d) Bloomberg Terminals

15. Find Goofy, Pluto, and all Seven Dwarves.

U.S. Treasury bonds, like this one used to support the government in wartime, are all of the following, EXCEPT:

- a) One of the safest investments in the world
- b) A way to borrow money by selling them when money is in short supply and promising to return that money with interest in the future, when money should be in greater supply
- c) Used to finance governmental projects and war efforts
- d) A pledge of money to the government that will only be returned if the project is successful



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