



Questions for Classroom Discussion

The Face of Money

- **Who is currently featured on our paper money?**
 - ⇒ Consider that everyone on our current paper money is a white male who lived at least 150 years ago
 - ⇒ Consider that the people on our paper money achieved great things, usually for the benefit of the United States (all but two—Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Hamilton—were former presidents, and those two are among the founding fathers of the country)
 - ⇒ Consider that there are only 6 bills (\$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100) that are widely circulated, so only few qualified individuals can have their picture on our money

- **Why is there a growing movement to place a woman's face on our paper money?**
 - ⇒ Consider that half of the nation's population is women, yet there are no women represented on our paper money
 - ⇒ Consider that many women have made important contributions to our country and society, and they should be honored for it
 - ⇒ Consider that the goal is to have a woman added to paper money by the year 2020, which would be the 100th anniversary of when women were granted the right to vote by the 19th amendment to the Constitution

- **What achievements and characteristics should be important when choosing the first woman to place on our paper money?**
 - ⇒ Consider that each country has its own money, so it might make sense for the person to be a political figure or someone who was important in shaping the nation
 - ⇒ Consider that women have had to fight for their own equality and have been very active in civil rights causes, so it might make sense to choose someone with that background
 - ⇒ Consider that money is used by all people in the country, so the person can't be too controversial or offensive to any groups, even if she is supported by a large majority
 - ⇒ Consider that there are over 500 years of modern American history, so it must be decided whether the person is a historical figure or a more contemporary one