

On-Site School Program

Age Group: 8 to 10



dig it!

When you hear the word "money," do shells, tea, or pigs come to mind? Probably not. Yet all these items have been used as currency. Money in the past has not always taken the form that our currency does today but that doesn't mean it didn't work just as well.

The most important thing about money is not what it looks like, but how well people accept it as payment.

Different societies around the world have come up with all kinds of ideas about what to use as currency. Some of their choices might surprise you. Join us on one of our digs and see for yourself!

Dig-It is a fun and dynamic educational program. We divide your students into six different archeological teams. The teams are responsible for unearthing artifacts in sand boxes representing different continents. On their dig, they uncover a variety of objects used as money in the past. With the help of a fieldwork notebook and their own

imaginations, they study artifacts and answer questions. The teams come together at the end of the program to share their findings with each other and the Museum Guide.

Spending an hour on our dig is lots of fun for everyone and will allow your students to explore some different aspects of money and exchange.

Number of Participants: Min: 12 - Max: 60

Program Length: 1 hour

Cost: Free of charge

Curriculum Links: The program is designed to allow students to practice skills and strategies required for effective inquiry in subjects such as Social Studies, History, and Geography, and to help them relate what they have learned to the world in order to gain a better understanding of the differences and similarities between societies.

FREE ADMISSION ~ RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Bank of Canada Currency Museum
245 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G9

School Program Hours

Tuesday to Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last group at 3:45 p.m.)
Open Mondays from 1 May to 1 October

Reservations

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