Culture Club: The US Dollar in Panama

How long has Panama been using the US Dollar?

Why did Panama start using the US Dollar?

Do you think it is a good thing that Panama is using the US Dollar?

Why are the Panamanian one-dollar coins called “Martinellis”?

Do you know who the people on US currency are?

Do you know what the buildings on US currency are?

How does using currency (money) from another country affect your Panamanian identity?

**US Money Facts (adapted from http://mistupid.com/currency/)**

* Lincoln faces to the right because the penny was an adaptation of a plaque.
* **E Pluribus Unum** means "Out of Many, One".
* On the back of a Roosevelt dime, the center torch signifies liberty. The oak branch to the right signifies strength and independence. The olive branch to the left signifies peace.
* On an American one dollar bill, there is an owl in the upper left-hand corner of the "1" encased in the "shield" and a spider hidden in the front upper right-hand corner.
* The law prohibits portraits of living persons from appearing on Government  
  Securities.
* Currency paper is composed of 25% linen and 75% cotton.

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**US Coins (adapted from:** <http://mistupid.com/currency/>**)**

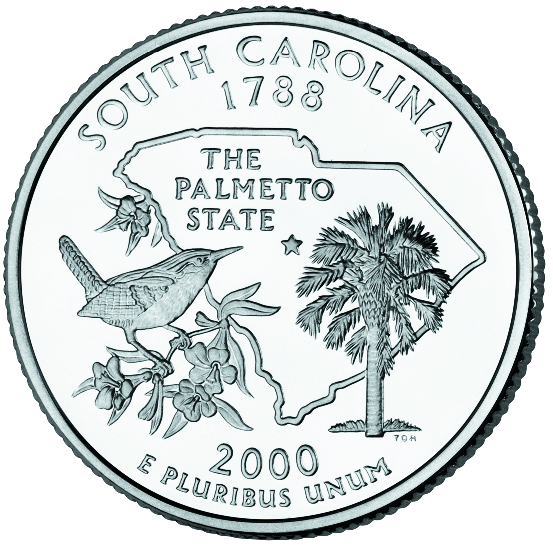
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| **Value** | **Image** | **Obverse** | **Reverse** |
| Penny 1¢ | http://mistupid.com/currency/images/penny.png | **Abraham Lincoln** 16th U.S. President | The Lincoln Memorial  http://farm4.staticflickr.com/3595/3600942160_afc5e34ac3_z.jpg?zz=1 |
| Nickel 5¢ | http://mistupid.com/currency/images/nickel.gif | **Thomas Jefferson** 3rd U.S. President | Monticello: Jefferson's home  http://s3.amazonaws.com/rapgenius/1297272257_5c2006MontiRev72X180.jpg |
| Dime 10¢ | http://mistupid.com/currency/images/dime.gif | **Franklin Delano Roosevelt** 32nd U.S. President | Olive Branch, Torch, Oak Branch.  http://www.usmint.gov/kids/coinnews/circulating/images/10c2012Rev72x2.jpg |
| Quarter 25¢ | http://mistupid.com/currency/images/quarter.gif | **George Washington** 1st U.S. President | American Bald Eagle  http://scavenging.files.wordpress.com/2009/04/us-quarter-back.png?w=550 |
| Half-Dollar 50¢ | http://mistupid.com/currency/images/halfdollar.gif | **John F. Kennedy** 35th U.S. President | The Presidential Seal  http://www.wpclipart.com/money/US_Currency/US_Half_Dollar_back_T.png |
| Silver Dollar $1  Abigail Bruhlmann | English Language Fellow, Panama | 2013-2014 | http://mistupid.com/currency/images/sbadollar.png | **Susan B. Anthony**  Leader of the movement to give women the right to vote | Apollo 11 Insignia, Eagle  http://www.wikicoins.com/images/thumb/d/d5/SBADo79Re.jpg/250px-SBADo79Re.jpg |
| Golden Dollar $1 | http://media.treehugger.com/assets/images/2011/10/US2520one2520dollar2520coin.jpg | **Sacagawea** A Native American woman who helped guide the explorers Louis and Clark in the Western US. | Soaring Eagle and 17 Stars  http://www.teacherfiles.com/downloads/money/US_Dollar_Coin_back.png |
| **Currency (adapted from:** <http://mistupid.com/currency/>**)** | | | |
| $1 | [United States one dollar bill, obverse.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:United_States_one_dollar_bill,_obverse.jpg) | **George Washington** 1st U.S. President | The Great Seal of the United States  [United States one dollar bill, reverse.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:United_States_one_dollar_bill,_reverse.jpg) |
| $5 | [US $5 Series 2006 obverse.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:US_$5_Series_2006_obverse.jpg) | **Abraham Lincoln** 16th U.S. President | Lincoln Memorial  [US $5 Series 2006 reverse.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:US_$5_Series_2006_reverse.jpg) |
| $10 | [US10dollarbill-Series 2004A.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:US10dollarbill-Series_2004A.jpg) | **Alexander Hamilton** 1st U.S. Treasury Secretary | U.S. Treasury  [US $10 Series 2004 reverse.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:US_$10_Series_2004_reverse.jpg) |
| $20 | [US20-front.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:US20-front.jpg) | **Andrew Jackson** 7th U.S. President | The White House  [US20-back.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:US20-back.jpg) |
| $50 | [50 USD Series 2004 Note Front.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:50_USD_Series_2004_Note_Front.jpg) | **Ulysses S. Grant** 18th U.S. President  Civil War General | U.S. Capitol  [50 USD Series 2004 Note Back.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:50_USD_Series_2004_Note_Back.jpg) |
| $100  Abigail Bruhlmann | English Language Fellow, Panama | 2013-2014 | http://www.pagetutor.com/trillion/bill.jpg | **Benjamin Franklin**  One of the Founding Fathers of the United States | Independence Hall  http://img.izismile.com/img/img3/20100423/640/how_100dollar_bill_640_04.jpg |

**US State Quarters**

The back of most quarters looks like this:

The eagle is a symbol of the United States.  
  
E Pluribus Unum = Out of many, one.

There is a special series of quarters that represents each of the 50 US states. The design of each state is unique to its history and culture. Here are some examples:



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***Panamanian* State Quarters**

Which province are you from?

What makes its history and culture unique and special?

What are some images that symbolize your province?

Using the information above, draw your own *Panamanian* State Quarter below!

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