



Money Challenge

for lower secondary

Name: _____



Discover how banks have played an important role in the Scottish economy for over 400 years.



Go to Level 1 – Kingdom of the Scots

Find the display of the coin hoard and jewellery (turn left through the doorway dated 1672, near the four cannons)

In the past, why did people sometimes hide their money?

Jewellery was a good way of protecting and storing wealth.

Why do you think this was?

For centuries people traded for what they needed, for instance they might have traded farm animals or grain for a sword or a spear.

Can you think why coins gradually replaced a system of trading?

Write down three other ways people can pay for items today.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

Find the coins from the reign of Mary Queen of Scots opposite you (in the big display case of coins, object 11)

In the past the designs on coins often marked special events as they do today.

What do these coins mark?

Today coin designs are drawn, engraved into plaster and the design is then scanned into a computer, ready to use again.

Name one skill which you think is useful for a coin designer today?





Go to Level 3 – Scotland Transformed

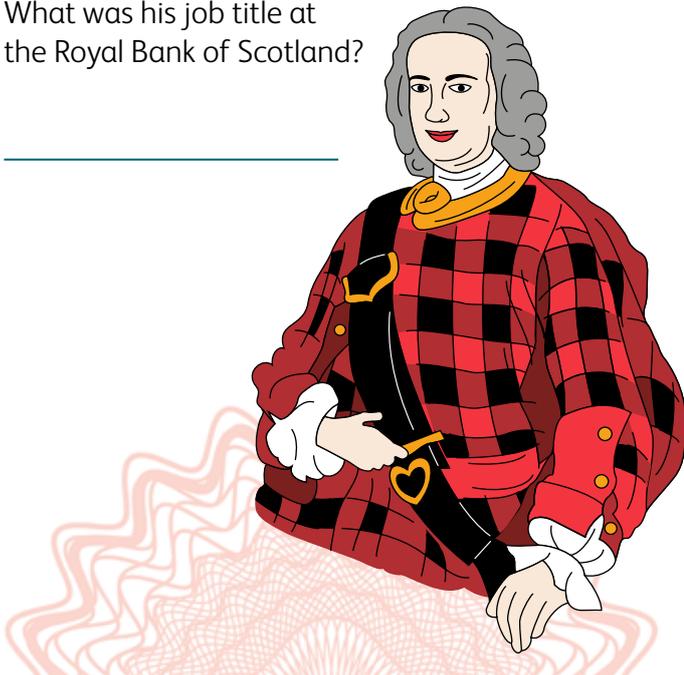
Find the National Bank of Scotland Limited sign (opposite the Corliss Engine)

Find the displays of banknotes

In the 1700s, the number of banks in Scotland grew and each bank employed a small number of staff.

Find the picture of John Campbell (object 12)

John Campbell was a Jacobite and a poet, but he also worked in a bank. What was his job title at the Royal Bank of Scotland?



John Campbell’s job involved looking after money belonging to many people. Circle the skills you think he needed to carry out his job efficiently?

- communication teamwork
- numeracy timekeeping

Find the display of banknotes dating from between 1700 and 1900

Look at the different notes.

Write down three ways in which banknotes changed over this period.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

Today we increasingly use banknotes made of polymer, a kind of plastic.

What do you think is one advantage of plastic notes?

It has always been important to prevent banknotes and coins being forged.

Look at the banknotes from the 1900s behind you

What features of the design would have made it difficult to forge these notes?

As more individuals and businesses manage their money online, banks need to ensure that they have put good security measures in place.

Why do you think this is important?





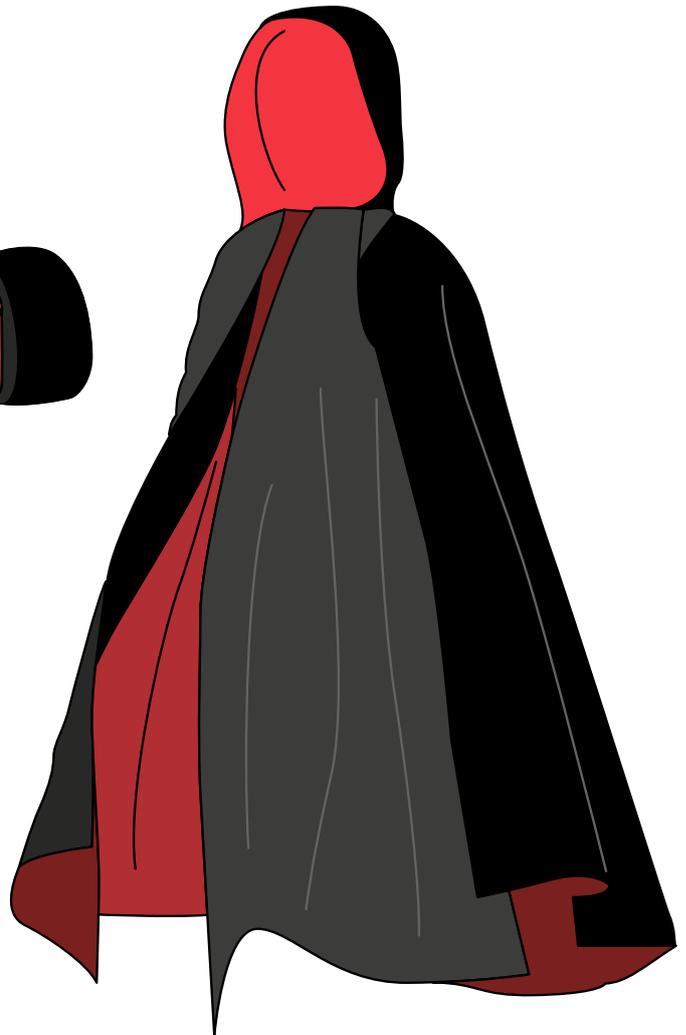
Go to Level 6 – Scotland: A Changing Nation

Find the section on finance

By the 1980s finance companies were spending more money on advertising their products to attract more customers.

Write the company names beside the correct objects.

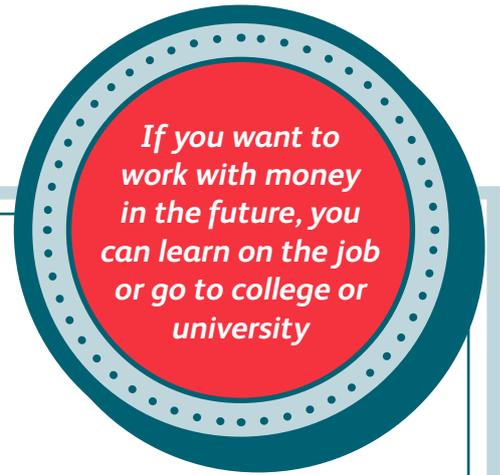








If you worked in a bank, how would you advertise your bank's products to customers? Think about where you would place an advert, the style of the advert and what people would want from a bank. Draw your advert below.



So now you know more about:

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