THE HISTORY OF CURRENCY

3000 BCE 900 CE 1300 BCE 500 BCE 1400 CE

2008 CE 650 BCE 550 BCE 1988 CE 1660 CE

300- 200 BCE

TIME	EVENTS
	in Egypt and Mesopotamia, gold bars and eventually silver and gold rings/jewelry were used in trade
	Cowry shells were used in China as a form of currency. Cowry shells were used in Africa and Wampum shells were used in America later as well.
	Ionia (Western Turkey) began using electrum coins (an alloy of gold and silver).
	The Chinese introduced a bronze currency called "Spade Money"
	Lydia started minting coins in pure gold and silver
	Both the Greek and Persian empires adopted the new technique of minting coins
	The Roman empire used lumps of bronze, before introducing their own minted
	The first paper money was introduced to China, becoming a familiar currency under the Song Dynasty
	the Aztecs used cocoa beans as a currency, receiving them as a tax or 'tribute' from the tribes that they dominated
	the first banknotes were issued in Europe
	the first plastic polymer banknotes are introduced in Australia and then adopted in several countries around the world
	Bitcoin, the first digital cryptocurrency is invented.

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