

Finish writing the questions.

What _____?

Who _____?

Where _____?

How _____?

Why _____?

Which _____?

When _____?

Whose _____?

The History of Money

Long ago, people traded goods directly. A farmer might give wheat to a blacksmith in exchange for tools. This system, called barter, had its limits — it wasn't always easy to find someone who wanted what you had.

Around 3000 BCE, people began using silver as a form of money. Then, in about 600 BCE, the first coins appeared. Made from gold and silver and stamped with pictures, they were easier to use and all the same size and weight.

In ancient China, cowrie shells served as currency. Later, the Chinese were the first to use paper money.

Today, we carry paper bills and metal coins, but we also use digital money—like credit cards and apps. Money has changed a lot over the centuries, and one thing is certain: it will keep changing.