

## An Exercise in Close Seeing

Before we try *close reading*, we need to practice *close seeing*.

Spread out five bills of paper money in different denominations in sequential order. Find as many similarities and differences as you can by closely observing them.

Similarities	Differences

Now answer these questions:

1. What office did each man pictured on the bills hold? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is the oldest? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which man is farthest away from the camera or artist? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many times is the bill's value shown on each bill? \_\_\_\_\_  
Which bill shows the value a different number of times than the others? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What war were three of the men pictured involved in? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Are the names of any women on these bills? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Which bill's value is spelled out differently on the bottom than it is on the others? \_\_\_\_\_  
How? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is unusual about the designs around the numbers on the one dollar bill?  
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9. If I have a real pack of 150 bills of equal denominations, what would their value be?  
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10. List at least three questions that you would like answered about (real, not play money) bills. \_\_\_\_\_