

The Federal Reserve Note

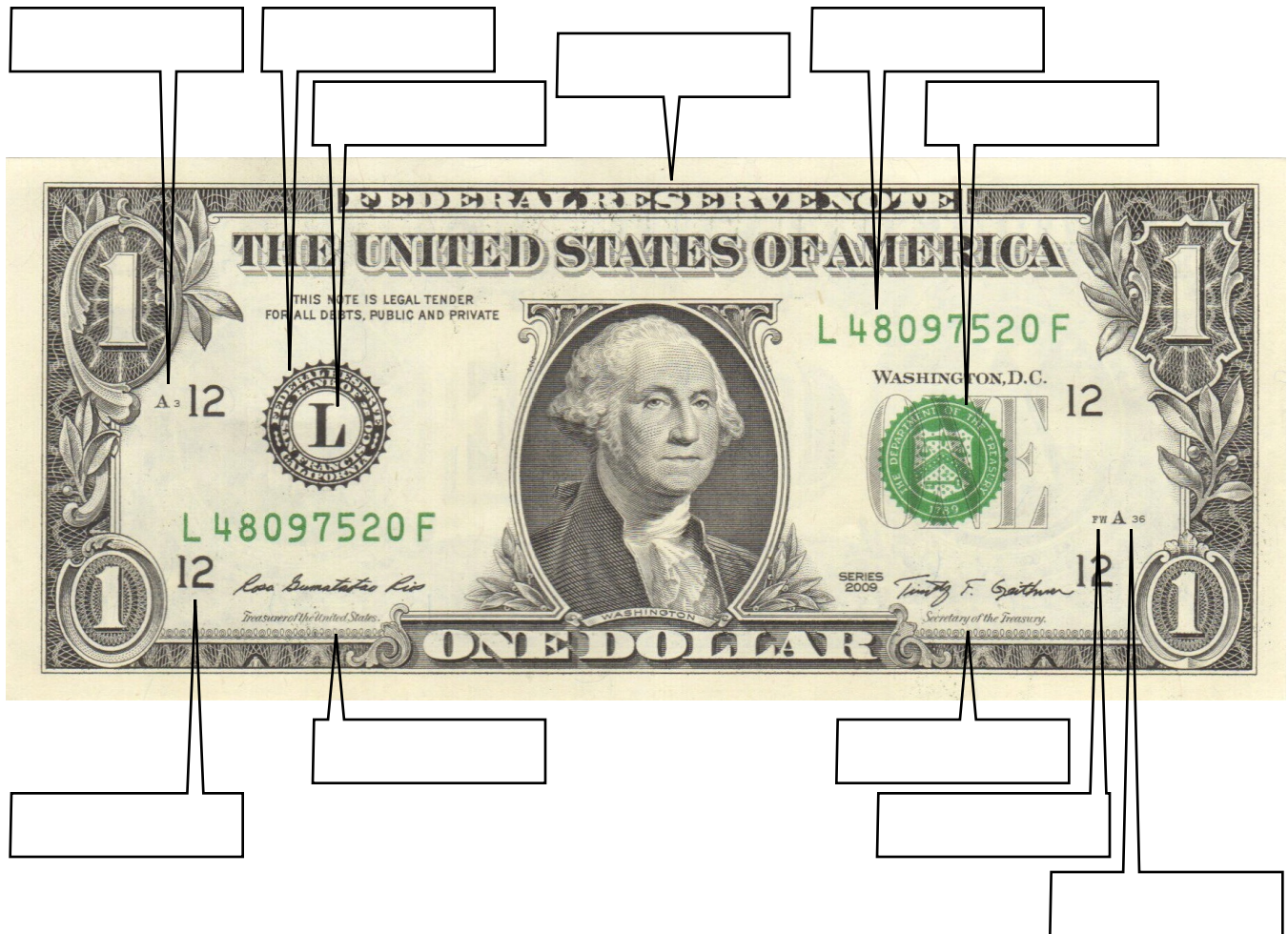
Warm Up Activity

DIRECTIONS

Use the Word Bank to correctly label this \$1 bill. If you have a \$1 bill with you in class, take it out to see how it is similar and different to the one below.

WORD BANK

Type of Note	District Number	Plate Serial Number
Treasury Department Seal	Treasurer of the United States	Note Position Number
Federal Reserve District Seal	Secretary of the Treasury	Location of Printing
District Letter	Serial Number	



WORD BANK WITH DEFINITIONS

Type of Note	Indicates the note is a “Federal Reserve Note” and not some other kind of bank note
Treasury Department Seal	Circular design that contains a scale, a key, and a chevron with 13 stars on it
Federal Reserve District Seal	Circular design that names the Federal Reserve District Bank that issued the currency
District Letter	Each Federal Reserve district is assigned its own letter from A to L
District Number	Each Federal Reserve district is assigned its own number from 1 to 12
Treasurer of the United States	The signature of the government official who oversees the printing of new money
Secretary of the Treasury	The signature of the government official who is in charge of the Treasury Department
Serial Number	A unique identifying number that begins with the note’s Federal Reserve district letter
Plate Serial Number	A letter-number combination to indicate which plate printed this particular note
Note Position Number	A letter-number combination to indicate the note’s position on its sheet of currency
Location of Printing	Currency is either printed in Fort Worth, Texas (FW) or Washington, D.C. (blank)

THE FEDERAL RESERVE AND THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT

The Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department are different institutions, but each has a specific role when it comes to currency in the United States. Use the list of items above to determine which are associated with the Federal Reserve and which are associated with the Treasury Department.

Federal Reserve	Treasury Department

CONCLUSION

Using your own knowledge and the information you encountered during this exercise, what do you think is the main difference between the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department when it comes to currency?