

The Mysterious \$1 Bill Eye-Pyramid

Name _____



While many of America's symbols are self-explanatory, there exists one – on the back of the \$1 bill - that is anything but. It shows what appears to be a pyramid with an eye inside of the detached top. The words surrounding the bizarre design are written in Latin. In the activity below, play the role of a reporter who is tasked with interviewing the eye-pyramid to gain insight into its meaning. You'll also play the role of the eye-pyramid and answer on his or her behalf. When you are done, read the last page to learn about its actual meaning, but until then, make up good questions and answers!

Reporter: Eye-pyramid, thank you for allowing me to interview you today. My first question is a simple one: What exactly are you supposed to represent?

Eye-pyramid:

Reporter: Thank you for that response, eye-pyramid. What kinds of things do you see from up there?

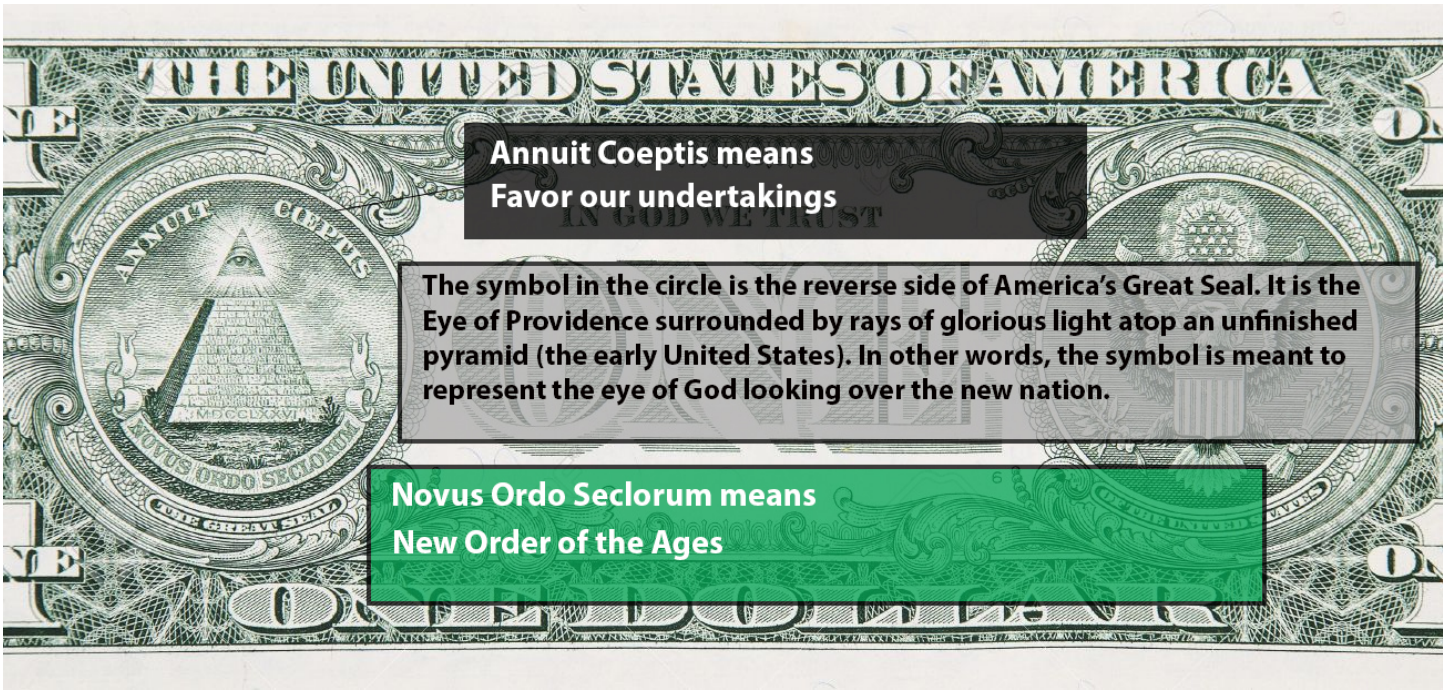
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**Annuit Coeptis means
Favor our undertakings**

The symbol in the circle is the reverse side of America's Great Seal. It is the Eye of Providence surrounded by rays of glorious light atop an unfinished pyramid (the early United States). In other words, the symbol is meant to represent the eye of God looking over the new nation.

**Novus Ordo Seclorum means
New Order of the Ages**