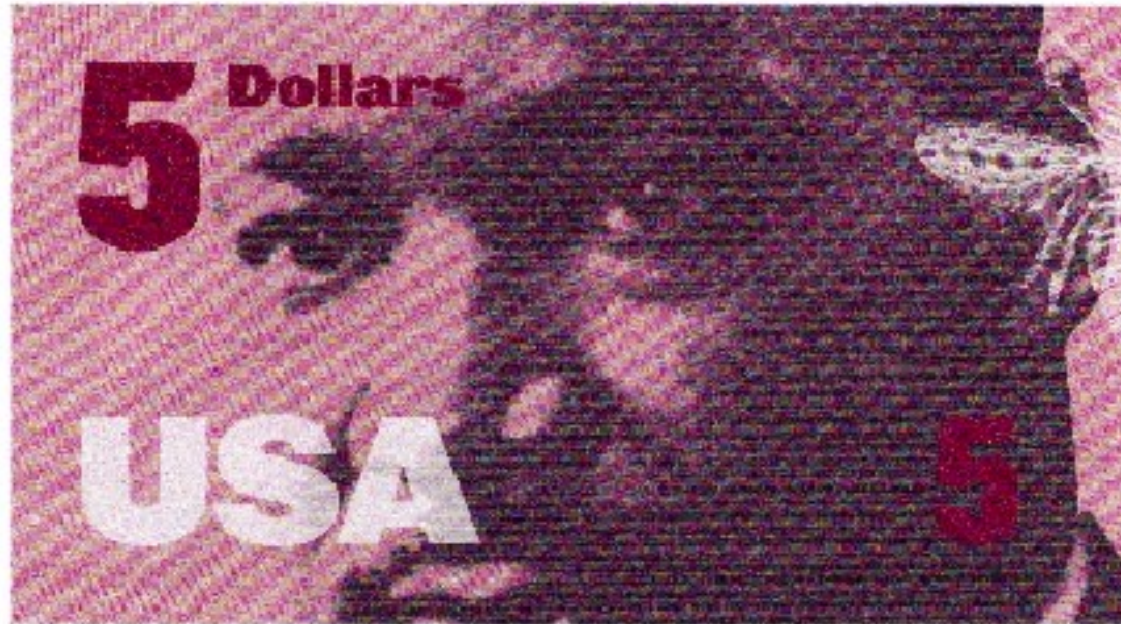


American Civil Rights Bills



Concept

Our current bills are out dated. They highlight a few white men, and only men, who have been dead for at least 200 years or more. What we need is a new modern image, one that represents our accomplishments in the 20th century and goals for the 21st. There have been great changes in our society, changes that have brought us closer to the world that our heroes like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin and many others had fought for.

These bills outline movements such as; the creation of the Labor Unions, the Black Civil Rights Movement, Women's Suffrage, Gay Liberation and Immigrant Rights. These men and women shown here have fought passionately for human rights, but they are not the only ones celebrated. None of their dreams could have been realized without the American people working together. This design for currency honors the power that American people have to change their world for the better.

Bees are the perfect American symbol. They are determined, hardworking and cooperative creatures that build beautiful architectures by instinct; much like how Americans work together; always building and improving their society. They, like Americans, are also willing to die for the protection of their home. Each bill features a photo honoring the power of the American people and a quote about what America stands for.

Security

Varying colors and sizes among the different bills may seem confusing at first, but this will make it easier to distinguish the bills from each other. This also increases the challenge in counterfeiting.

The bees are made of patterns that can be used for tracking (laced microchips) and anti-counterfeit procedures. These patterns are echoed as a theme throughout the entire series as background patterns for increase security.

