 Forgery and Counterfeiting WebQuest

Go to: http://crimes-of-persuasion.com/ Click: Crimes → Against Business → Counterfeiting

1. Why has the amount of counterfeit currency dropped precipitously?

2. What % of counterfeit U.S. money in 1998 was produced on an inkjet copier?

3. How much money is lost each year due to credit card fraud?

4. View the 8 security measures used to secure American currency.
   A. Is the portrait centered?
   B. Why does the watermark look the same from both sides?
   C. What 2 colors are in the color-shifting ink?
   D. Where is the microprint on a $100 bill?
   E. How many letters and numbers are in the serial number?
   F. What colors are security threads in a $20? $50? $100?

Go to: http://www.asqde.org/ Click: About Us → History

1. Who, in the U.S., is the Father of Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents?

Go to: http://www.moneyfactory.gov/newmoney/

1. When will the new $5 bill be issued?

   Click: About the New $10 Notes

2. When was the newly designed $10 note unveiled?

3. What are the subtle background colors on this new $10?

4. What is a watermark?

   Click: History of U.S. Currency

5. What was Ben Franklin’s unique counterfeiting deterrent?

6. In 1996, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing announced new designs would be undertaken to impede counterfeiting. How often will there be new designs?

   Click: Frequently Asked Questions

7. Will old notes be devalued or recalled? Why?

8. What should you do with a suspected counterfeit note?
1. What is a questioned document?

2. What were the names of the famous forgers in the following cases?
   A. Shakespeare Forgeries: _____________________________________________
   B. Hitler Diaries: ___________________________________________________

3. What does a handwriting analyst do? ________________________________________

4. Where did one of the first attempts at basic principles of questioned documents first appear? What year?

5. How do children learn to write? _____________________________________________

6. Is the collection of handwriting samples a violation of the 4th or 5th amendment? ____

7. What are the 3 signatures that people are known to have?

8. Write (cursive) the following sentence:
   Improvements in technology have led to a new generation of counterfeiting.

   Use the chart under the "MyHandwriting.com" paragraph to determine if you are: (circle)
   aggressive    untrustworthy    domineering/sarcastic/controlling
   stubborn    angry/frustrated    antisocial    jealous    independent
   perverted    lying    lazy/procrastinator    self conscious
   sensitive to criticism