

MEC MINING & MONEY CATCHER



CREATE

- Separate these instructions from the MEC Catcher at the cut line.
- Lay catcher printed side down.
- Fold two corners together to form a large triangle. Unfold. Do the same for the other two corners.
- Fold each corner to the center of the paper to create a smaller square.
- Flip catcher over. Fold each corner to the center of the paper to create a smaller square.
- Fold catcher in half to create a rectangle.
- Slide your thumbs and pointer fingers under the four flaps and push together to create the catcher.

PLAY

- Start with the catcher closed.
- One player chooses an outside term: Mining, Money, Shared or Geoheritage.
- The other player counts out the number of letters in the term, opening and closing the catcher in an alternating direction for each letter.
- Choose one of the terms inside and lift the flap to learn more.
- Switch players and continue choosing terms until you've read them all.

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Geoheritage

1792

Coinage Act

Shared

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In 1792, the Coinage Act creates the first mint in the then U.S. capital, Philadelphia, and establishes the silver standard.

Comstock Lode

1863

In 1863 the Carson City, NV mint was established to coin silver from the Comstock Lode discovery of 1859.

Alluvial

1800s

In the early 1800s, U.S. settlers on the East Coast pan for gold in streams and dig just below the surface for gold. The first Gold Rush is in NC & GA.

Placer

1849

In 1849, 300,000 fortune seekers from across the country and immigrants from around the globe move to CA in hopes of riches.

California

Gold Rush

Money

Carson City, NV

Mining