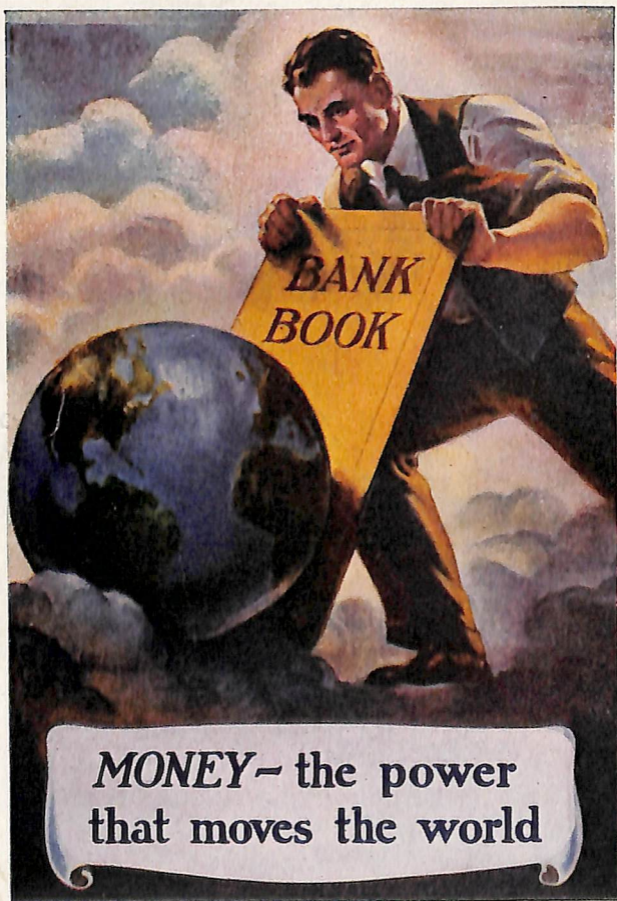


To the Pupil: TAKE THIS FOLDER HOME



***MONEY*— the power
that moves the world**

To the Parents: This is one of a series of lessons being taught in the public schools. Reading this folder will enable you to help your child in the preparation of his or her Essay.

Power

Perhaps you think it is electricity that moves the world—or maybe you believe that it is coal, for coal makes steam and steam runs many engines. But when you really think deeply about it, you will see that it is work and money that move the world today.

The farmer can't raise food unless he has money to pay for his seed and plow and harvesting machinery; the storekeeper can't have food to sell unless he has money to pay the farmer and the food manufacturer, and people living in the big cities can't get food to eat unless they have money to pay for it.

Consider how many things you need money for. When you buy a newspaper, or a pencil, or a writing tablet, or a stick of chewing gum, you need money; when your father has to pay the rent or the taxes on the house you live in, he needs money. Your shoes, your hat, your coat cost money. When you attend church you put money in the collection plate, and when you ride in an automobile, the gasoline costs money. Indeed, there probably isn't a thing you use that doesn't cost money.

Then just try to imagine how much the big things outside of your home cost,—the high skyscrapers, the street cars, the street pavements, the huge steamships on the ocean, the telegraph cables across the Atlantic, the radio broadcasting stations, the railroad systems that go all over the country, and the airplanes that fly with the mail.

You see we can't get much or do much in this day and age without money.

Young people in school can't earn very much money of course. It is not expected of them. But you can save some of the money you earn and some of that given to you by relatives. If you save money from the first grade up, and put it in a big bank so it will draw interest, it may be that you will have one hundred dollars that will be all your own by the time you finish school. Perhaps you will have even more.

One hundred dollars is a pretty good start for the making of more money. Several of the big millionaires in the country have said that the way they got their first million was by first saving one thousand dollars. And every one knows

you have to have one hundred dollars before you can have one thousand dollars.

But your parents also want to save, and while you are still in school, you can help them by being careful not to waste small things that cost money. If you live near enough to walk to school, you can make a point of always getting up so early that you don't have to pay a street car fare in order not to be tardy; you can be careful not to lose one of your gloves, so that a new pair will not have to be bought, and you can watch that you don't leave the soap in the wash bowl when you have washed your hands, or scribble on clean sheets of paper just to throw them away, or break the point of your pencil just for the fun of breaking it, or leave the light burning in a room when no one is using it.

These little wastes may each seem unimportant, but in the space of a year, they can amount to a great deal. And it may be that your thoughtfulness in these little things will give your parents the extra hundred dollars they need for accomplishing some big thing in life.