

November 19th FRED Assignment- How do you store value?

Step 1 (40 points):

Give examples of items you consider assets.

- 1) 5pts -Even poor lowly college students have assets. Please list 5.

Now approximate what they cost you.

What do you think they will sell for now?

- 2) 5pts - Which ones do you expect to go up in value.
Which ones do you expect to go down in value.

- 3) 5 pts - What are the function of money outlined in the Arnold Textbook.
a)
b)
c)

- 4) Watch:<https://youtu.be/mrNOYudaMAc>

- a) **10 pts- Try to compare an NFT to money using the three functions of money outlined in the textbook definitions. Would you take an NFT in place of wages?**

- b) **10 pts-**
Who is the Female in the skit impersonating?
Why is she important to our class.
What is her current job?
What was her last job?
Who has her former job now?

- c) 5 pts -For your Irony Metter <https://decrypt.co/63870/snl-auctions-nft-parody-skit-nft?>
What is your take away for NFT as an asset?

Step 2: 30 points -Listen to the 20 minutes of Planet Money Episode 553: The Dollar At The Center Of The World "The Battle Of Bretton Woods."

<https://www.npr.org/transcripts/526051566>

- 1) 5 pts -Who is Harry Dexter White?

- 2) 10 pts -What was Keynes idea to try to come up with something better than gold? How did his popularity/well known book ultimately harm this idea?

- 3) 5 pts- What was the twist used by Harry Dexter White?

- 4) 10 pts -Do you think this has helped the US dollar? **Please explain with ideas from Class.**

Step 3: (40 points) Google "currency converter Euro in dollars." Ok, Now you must change the term Euro to investigate Search one currency in terms of dollars. Investigate any currency in the list. Take a screenshot of 1 year trend and Max trend.

- 1) 20 points. Please explain what made you pick this currency and what has happened to it's value relative to the US dollar.

(Please don't do EURO but this would be my explanation for my example: It looks like the US Dollar has depreciated relative to the EURO since 1990(red), however since 2007 the US has had a relatively stable and slightly improving exchange rate(appreciated) with Euro, but prior to the fall of the towers the US dollar had gained again against the Euro, but after until 2008 lots of drop in the US dollar. But after 2008, we see a more stable exchange rate. The current year shows the same trend, fluctuating between .81 and .87.

One year of data



Max

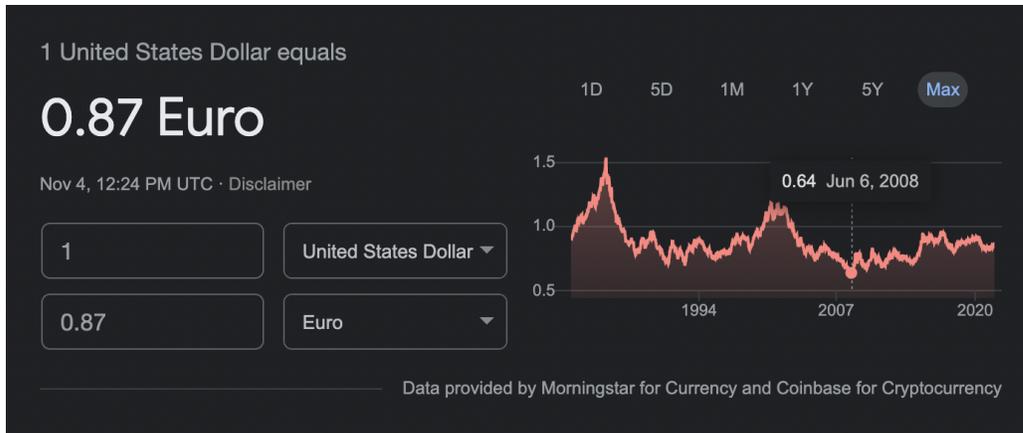


- 2) 20 points - Please investigate (google and investigate) WHY the exchange rate for the country's currency you're looking into has fluctuated.

My Answer/investigation to these questions looks like try to do your unique currency story:

- 1) New Currency
The Maastricht Treaty (1991), which included the creation of an economic and monetary union, was signed by the then-12 member countries of the European Community (now the European Union)—the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Greece, and Luxembourg (EMU). The treaty called for a single currency, the euro, and established tight requirements for euro conversion and membership in the EMU.
- 2) US dollar original appreciated but quickly depreciated against the Euro, has stayed mainly where 1 Dollar can't buy 1 Euro (or 1 Euro buys more than a dollar of US goods).

So, it looks like in the beginning of this currency (Starting in 1991) the US Dollar got to the point where each dollar bought 1.5 Euros. Not true today. Each dollar only buys .86 Euros, however that is still better than the great recession when they only bought .64. Even since I started the US dollar buys .01 more Euro than 3 days ago.



30 Points:

One Graph in FRED using the GEOFRED tool (share the Dashboard with the link, please use the one from the previous assignments in FRED.)

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1) Why do you like this Graph?

2) Highlight three key takeaways from this Map Visual about the DATA.

HINT: When looking at a variable consider looking at the Variable Amount compared to the rate of change (% change or compound annual rate of change are two different ways to look at the rate of change)*

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