ENGL 200D
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Major Paper #1

Length: 4-5 pages
Due:
Prospectus (1-page letter, emailed to me, about your answer, and the texts you propose to use): Monday, July 18th, 5 p.m.
Rough draft (2-3 pages, posted to blog): Friday, July 22nd, 5 p.m.
Final draft: **due via Catalyst CollectIt:** Monday, August 1st, 5 p.m.

For this paper, you need to use **two of the texts** that we've read so far to answer **one of the following questions:**

1. What makes money challenging to use?
2. What makes labor value difficult to establish?

Both of these are open-ended questions, so your success depends in part on your ability to focus on a specific answer. (Perhaps your answer has two or three parts, but if so, those parts need to be clearly connected).

The texts you choose should inform your answer to the question, providing examples and evidence. The texts may also be the source of complexity, demonstrating why the question is difficult, and why you need to write about it.

As you're thinking about how to answer this, avoid obvious answers that take no risks. "Money is challenging to use because no one is ever satisfied with what they have" is not a good subject, because it's a recognizable piece of received wisdom. Instead, aim for an answer that is based specifically on the situations in the texts you choose. You may choose two texts that seem to agree with each other, or two texts that you think conflict with each other.

We will meet in group conferences during Week 6, following a format similar to the blog conferences.