

Urbana Money Analysis Sheet

Answer the following questions using the “Urbana Money” at your station:

- 1) How is this money similar to U.S. currency? How is it different from U.S. currency?
- 2) Would you be willing to use this “Urbana Money” instead of regular money? Why or why not?
- 3) What guarantees would you want to have before you used this money? In other words, what would give you confidence in “Urbana Money”?
- 4) Using the timeline of the Great Depression in Champaign-Urbana, what event(s) do you think led to the creation of “Urbana Money”?

Answer the following questions using the newspaper clippings at your station:

- 5) Why was the “Urbana Money” created? Give at least 2 reasons from the newspaper ads.
- 6) How was “Urbana Money” guaranteed as a legitimate form of money?
- 7) How did people obtain “Urbana Money”?
- 8) What could you buy with “Urbana Money”? Where did you have to buy your goods?
- 9) How did “Urbana Money” offer a solution to the Depression in Urbana?
- 10) What were 2 advantages and 2 disadvantages to using “Urbana Money”?