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Optical Illusion - Believe it or not, you can make George Washington's face smile or frown on a dollar bill if you know the secret to visual foolery!

Directions: The secret is in the way that you fold the dollar bill. Just follow these simple steps...

1. Start with George's portrait facing you.
2. Make a "mountain fold" through the middle of George's left eye. In origami terms, this means to fold the bill away from you.
3. Make a second mountain fold through the middle of his right eye. Make sure that these creases are sharp.
4. Make a "valley fold" between the two previous folds so that the crease is between George's eyes and nose.
5. Pull on the ends of the bill slightly so that you can see his entire face, but make sure that the folds are still present.
6. Hold the portrait side of the bill in front of you with the face tilted upward. Notice how George smiles at you!
7. Slowly begin to tilt the bill downward as if George was looking at the floor. Don't take your eyes off George's face because his smile will magically turn into a frown. Be ready for a spontaneous chorus of 'oohs!' and 'aahs!'

Bonus: Use different dollar bills (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, even \$100) to see if you can alter emotions of some other presidents.

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