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Blog Post with Student Work

7.RP.A.3

7.EE.A.2

7.EE.B.3

When you use a copy machine you can select to shrink or increase the size of your copy. If you select 75% on the copy machine, the original copy with keep 75% of its size and lose 25%. In this task, a dollar bill is used in the copy machine. Watch the following two videos to get a better idea of the situation.

1st video is at the top of link

2nd video you must click on "answer" in the middle of the page on the link

http://www.101gs.com/4-the-incredible-shrinking-dollar

Here are the dimensions of the dollar bill

- Q1~ After he shrinks the bill in the copy machine nine times, what will the new dimensions be?
- Q2~ Draw the original bill and the new bill after it is shrunk nine times to actual size so you can see the difference...
- Q3~ What percentage of growth is needed for the tiny dollar bill to get it back to the original in one copy?
- Q4~ How many times would he have to shrink the original bill so it would be invisible? (that could mean a lot of things...maybe too small to physically draw)
- Q5~ If the government wanted to go to square dollar bills, what percentage of growth or decrease could you do to one of the dimensions to make the original dollar bill square?
- Q6~ Each time the dollar bill was shrunk to 75% its original size, what percentage of the area shrank each time?