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THE BIOGRAPHY OF
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
(1706-1790)

**Early to bed,
early to rise**

makes one

**healthy,
wealthy
and wise**

Benjamin Franklin



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Now let's begin
with a question:

Who was
Benjamin
Franklin?

was he ...

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- a) The first man on the moon
- b) One of the greatest trumpet players that ever lived
- c) One of the founding fathers of the USA
- d) The man who discovered America
- e) The greatest baseball player of all time



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c) A founding father
of the USA
who helped
to write
the declaration
of independence

And the answer
is:

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Did you get that
question right?

Well, here's another
question for you?

What did
Benjamin
Franklin do?

did he ...

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- a) Marry his childhood sweetheart
- b) Become a printer not a clergyman
- c) Write under the name of Silence Dogood
- d) Walk with his son out into a thunderstorm to capture Lightning
- e) All of the above



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And the answer
is:

Well, you couldn't get
that one wrong because
all of the answers were
right.

e) All of the above

As well as a-d

Benjamin Franklin was
a very clever man!



Benjamin Franklin playing chess with Lady Howe

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Benjamin Franklin
was born in
a three-story house

in Boston

on the 17th January 1706

His house -)

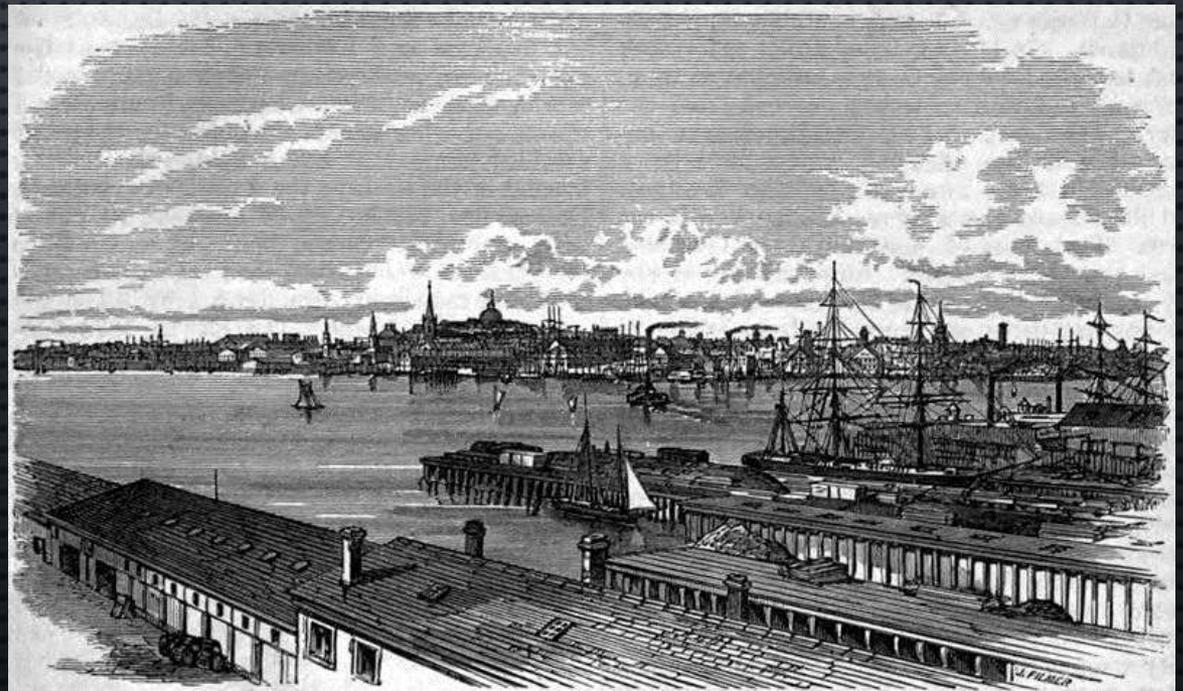


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Activity:

Find Boston on a map of the USA?

Boston Harbour
1700s ---)



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Activity: What do you know about:

1. The Boston Red Sox



2. The Boston Tea Party



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Benjamin Franklin was born into a rather large family

He was tenth (10) in a line of 17 children.

His family -)



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His father, Josiah,
a soap maker,
wanted him
to be a clergyman.

But the cost
of the education
was far too high.

A clergyman [priest] -)



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So he became a printer,
apprenticed to
his brother,
James.

an apprentice Printer -)
(a person being trained
to be a printer)



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Benjamin Franklin
wanted to be a writer,

His brother James,
wouldn't publish him.

So ...

Candlestick -)

Late at night
by candle light,
he wrote in secret ...

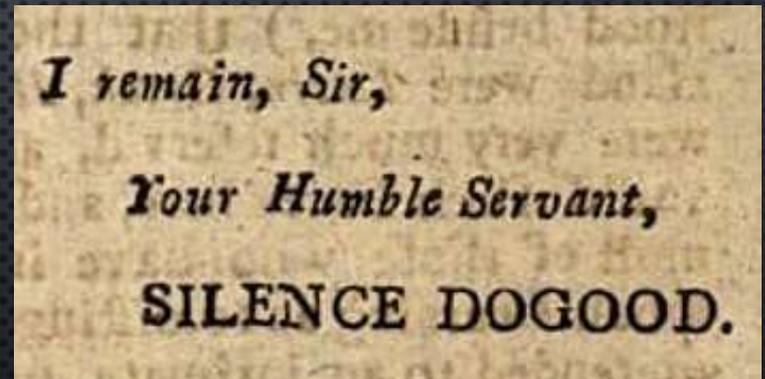


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He wrote under a non-de-plume,
a different name from his own,
so no one would know
who he was!

non-de-plume -)

Can you guess
what his non-de-plume
was?



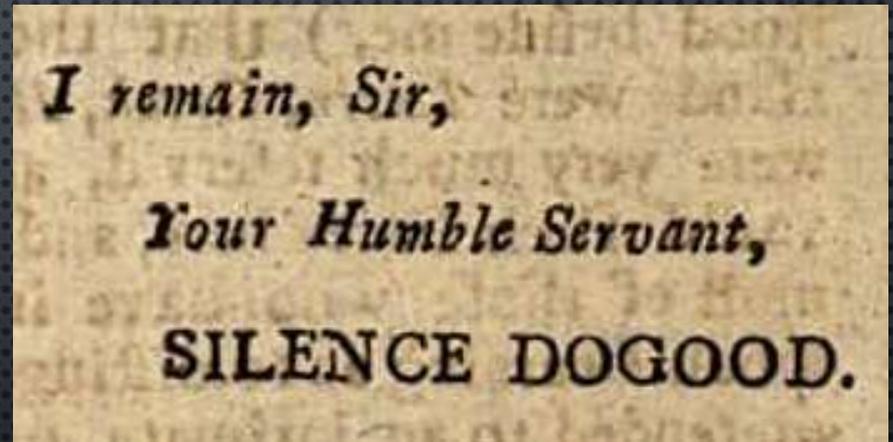
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... exactly, Silence Dogood, a fictional widow.

This fictional widow filled her letters with advice.

She was very critical of the world around her.

She was especially critical of the way women were being treated.



I remain, Sir,
Your Humble Servant,
SILENCE DOGOOD.

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After he had written the letter he would sneak down to the print shop at night and push it under the door.

In the morning, not knowing who wrote it, his brother published it.

The letters were a smash hit, and everyone was curious to know who this woman, "Silence Dogood" was?



THE CAT
IN GLOVES
CATCHES
NO MICE

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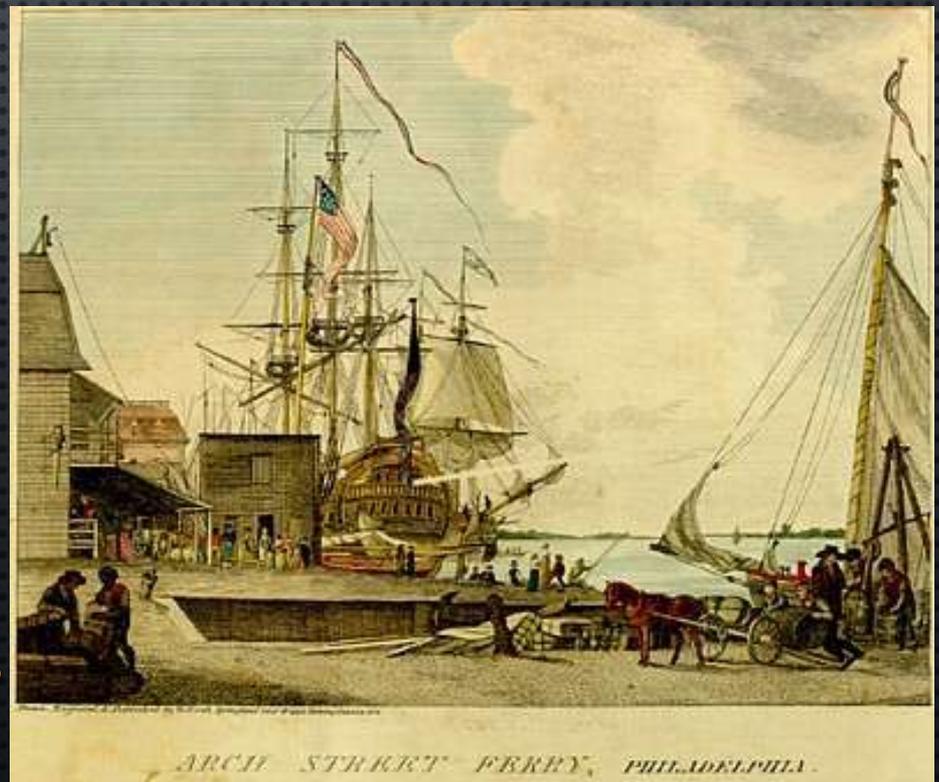


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At 17, Benjamin ran away from home, which you weren't supposed to do until you were 18.

He boarded a boat bound for New York; walked across New Jersey, then took another boat to Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Harbour
1700-)



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Activity:

From Boston on a map of the USA
find New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia?

First
American President,
George Washington's
inauguration in 1793
at Congress Hall
in Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania --)



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Activity: What do you know about:

1. Philadelphia Eagles



2. Philadelphia Zoo



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He arrived in Philadelphia
wet, bedraggled, and messy.

A young girl saw him;
thought him a bit
odd-looking,

Benjamin
became a boarder
at the young girl's home.



Deborah Read

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He instantly fell in love with the young lady and proposed marriage,

even though she was only 15 years of age,

and he was only 17.



Deborah Read

Coppess House,
Greenville --)



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Deborah was more than willing to marry her odd-looking boarder,

But her mother would simply not agree.

Her reasons ...

Leftwich House,
Greenville --)



Deborah Read



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He was financially unstable,
(which meant he didn't have
much money);

and he was going
to London.
(a long, long way
from Philadelphia)

Benjamin Franklin
National Institute --)

Deborah Read



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Activity: From Philadelphia in the USA
find London, England in the UK?



St Paul's Cathedral, London

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Activity:

What do you know about:

1. Big Ben clock, London



2. Tower Bridge, London



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In 1724 he went to London, England for the Governor of Pennsylvania.

He was only supposed to go for a day or two, but he was forced to spend several months there.

He used the time wisely. He worked as a printer and learnt the trade well.

18th Century Printing Press -)



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By the time
he returned

Deborah Read,
the love of his life,

had gone out
and married
another man.



Deborah Read

WHO IS RICH?

HE WHO

REJOICES

IN HIS PORTION.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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Heartbroken,
Benjamin
took out a loan
and started a
printing business.

To make
his business
successful
he had to work
night and day.



A Thriving Business

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In 1728 Benjamin fathered
a child, William.
His mother is unknown.

In 1730 Deborah's husband
ran off and left her.

She was now free
to marry her
childhood sweetheart.



William Franklin

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In 1730 Benjamin Franklin
married Deborah Read.

They adopted William.

They had a son
who died of smallpox

In 1743 they had a daughter
named after Deborah's mother.



Sarah Franklin Bache

Deborah died in 1774,
16 years before Benjamin's death in 1790.

**WORK AS IF YOU
WERE TO LIVE
100 YEARS;**

**PRAY AS IF YOU
WERE TO DIE
TOMORROW**

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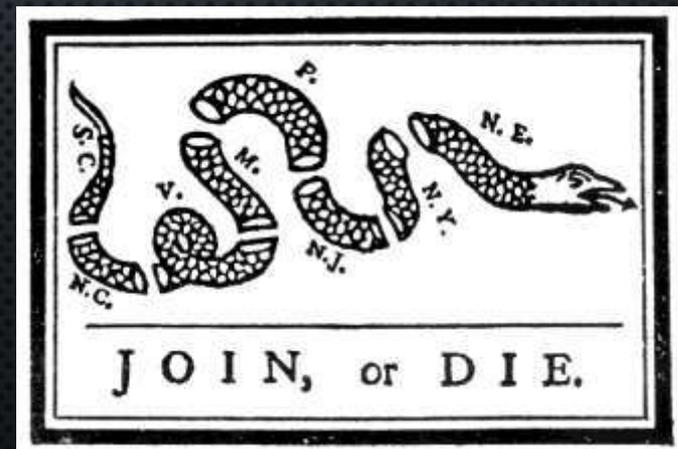
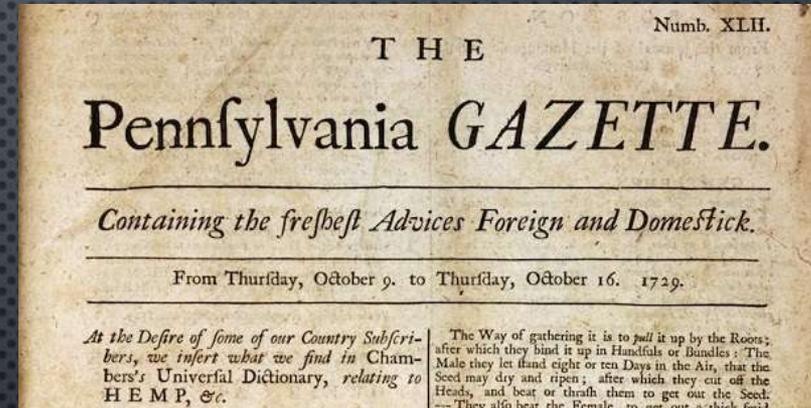
1729

Benjamin bought the Pennsylvania Gazette.

His newspaper soon became the most successful in all America.

He began printing political cartoons.

Sample Political Cartoon -)

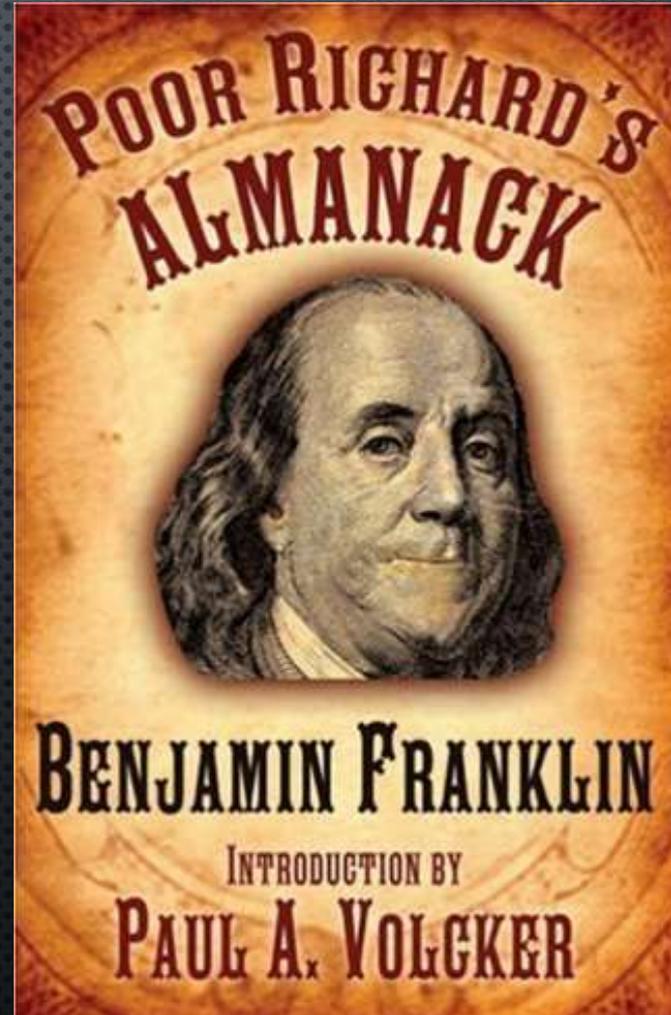


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Also, at this time

He began publishing
his own writings
in a book:

Can you guess
the title?



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Exactly,
Poor Richard's Almanack.

Like Silence Dogood,
Richard was
Benjamin Franklin's
non-de-plume

Richard was a poor man
who needed money
to take care
of his moaning wife.

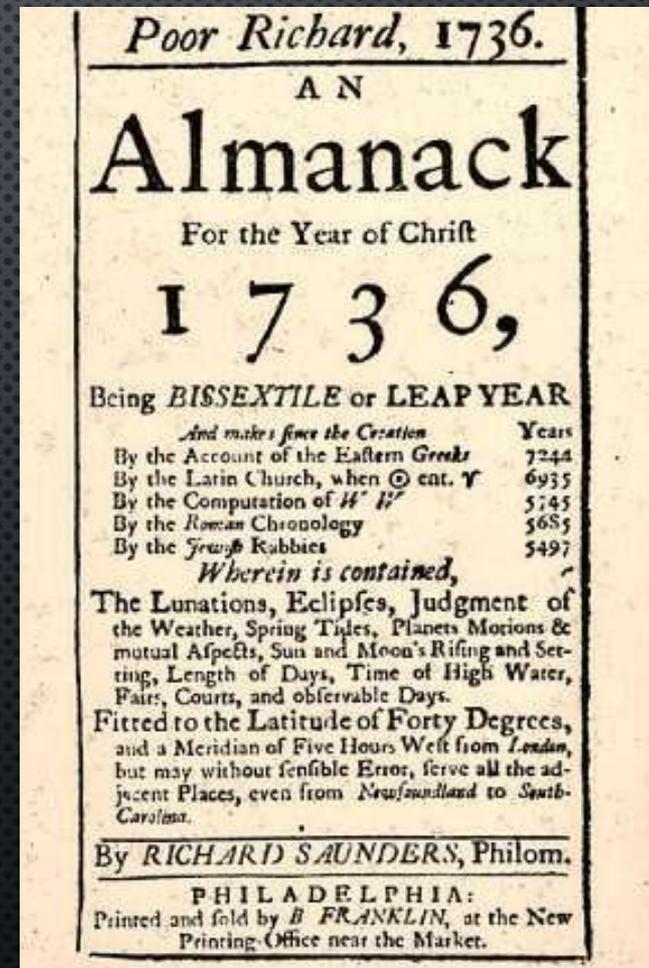


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Almanacs are like calendars.

They were printed annually (once a year) and contained weather reports, recipes and predicted the future.

Many of Benjamin's famous sayings, were first published in Poor Richard's Almanac.



**FOOLS NEED
ADVICE MOST,
BUT WISE MEN
ONLY,
ARE THE BETTER
FOR IT**

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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Now here's a
difficult question
but I think
by now, your up to it:

What did
Benjamin Franklin
do
in Philadelphia?

did he ...

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a) Start projects
to pave, clean and light
Philadelphia's streets

b) Start the Philadelphia
Library

c) Organize Philadelphia's Fire brigade

d) Help found the Philadelphia Insurance Co

e) All of the above and more



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And the answer
is:

Well, you couldn't get that one wrong either because, all of the answers were right.

e) All of the above and more

As well as a-d

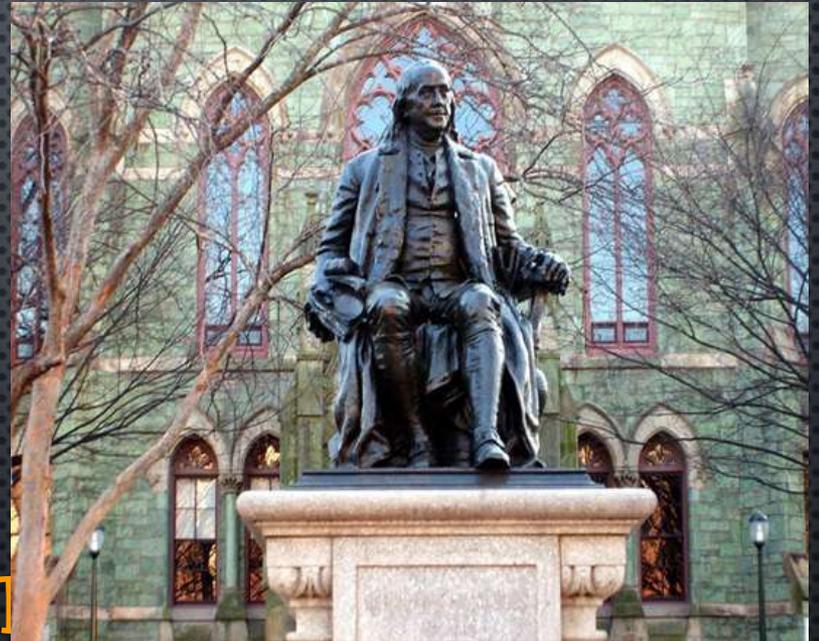
Benjamin Franklin was a very busy man indeed!

THE BIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Benjamin Franklin
had a heart
for his community.

During the 1730s and 1740s
He launched projects
to pave, clean and light
Philadelphia's streets.

He made people aware
of the importance of
keeping their city, their houses,
including their bedrooms, clean and tidy.



College Hall, Philadelphia

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In 1731 books were scarce and very expensive, Benjamin Franklin created the nation's first subscription library.

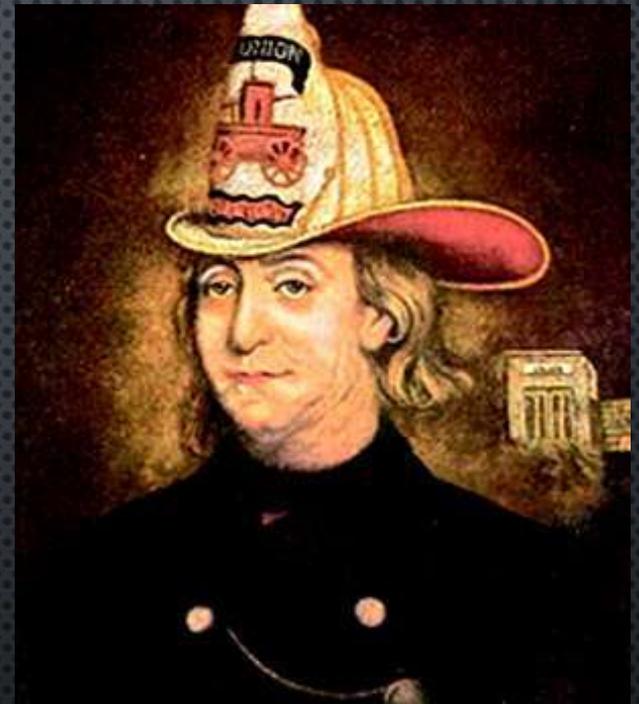
Membership fees allowed the library to buy books from England for everybody to read.



THE BIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

In 1736 fires, like the great fire of London (1666) were a very dangerous threat because most buildings were made of wood.

Benjamin started Philadelphia's first fire-fighting company, Union Fire



Benjamin Franklin
as a fireman

THE BIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

In 1752 those who suffered fire damage often lost everything they owned

Benjamin helped found the Philadelphia Insurance Co

So those insured wouldn't lose everything.



**AN OUNCE OF
PREVENTION,
IS WORTH
A POUND OF CURE**
(ADVICE FOR FIRE-FIGHTING)

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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In 1751
recognizing
that the city
needed a better
way of treating
their sick,

Benjamin
brought together
a group to start the
Pennsylvania Hospital.



In the centre,
is the original building
(Pennsylvania Hospital)

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In 1743 to help warm houses efficiently, he invented the Franklin stove.

You could cook food, dry clothes, boil water on this thing.

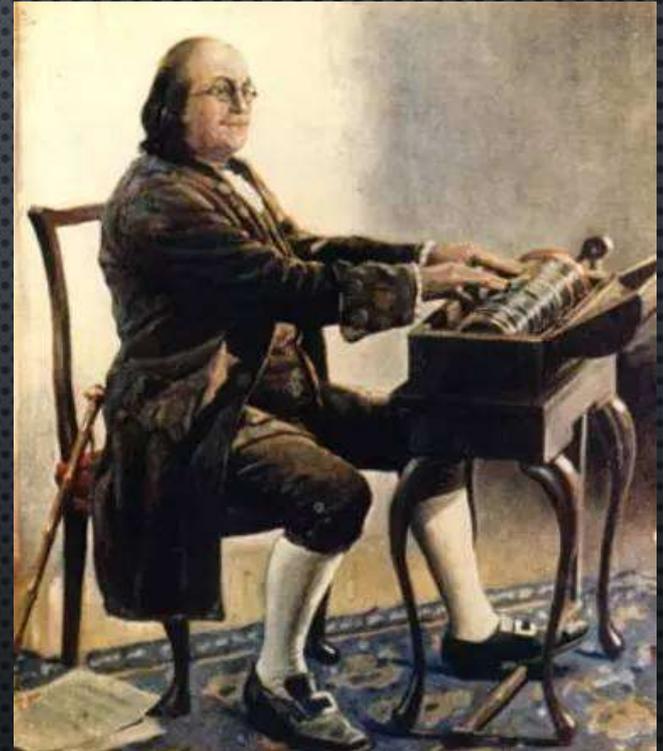


The Franklin Stove

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His other inventions included swim fins, bifocals and the glass armonica.

The glass armonica is a musical instrument that uses a series of glass bowls or goblets of different sizes to produce musical tones by means of friction.



Benjamin Franklin playing a glass armonica

**ONE GOOD HUSBAND IS WORTH
TWO GOOD WIVES;
FOR THE SCARCER
THINGS ARE,
THE MORE
THEY ARE VALUED**

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



THE BIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Benjamin Franklin retired in 1749 to work on science, experiments, and inventions.

This led to his most famous experiment of all ...



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In June 1752 Benjamin Franklin and his son, William, went out for a walk through a field on a stormy night.

Thunder and lightning crashed and flashed across the sky above their heads.

In their hands they held a kite that flew high into the sky. They were trying to capture the lightning.



THE BIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Benjamin Franklin wanted to prove that lightning, was the same as electricity.

Unfortunately, it had already been proven by French electricians a month before.

But as history recalls, sparks flew that night.



**WHEN
THE WELL'S DRY
WE KNOW
THE WORTH
OF WATER**

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



THE BIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

In 1765 the British Stamp Act taxed everything in the Americas, everything written, everything printed.

This was the last straw!

American colonists got so angry they tarred and feathered some British stamp agents.



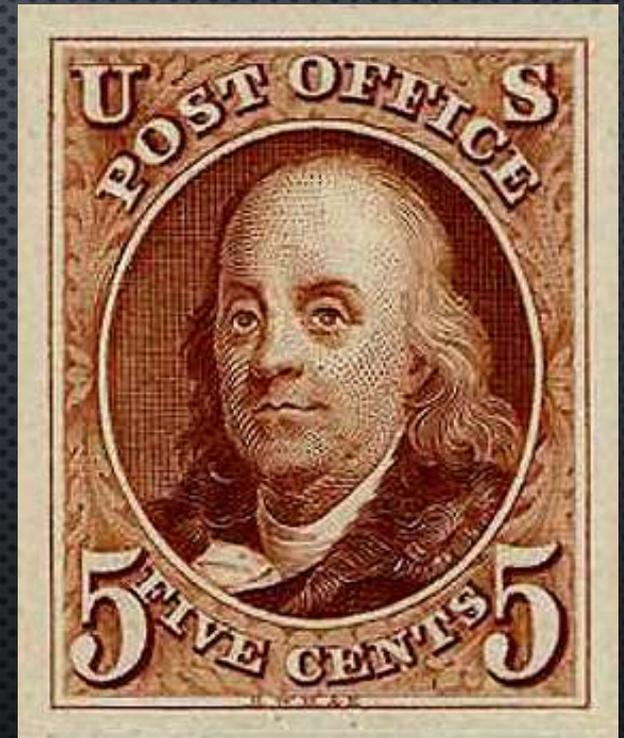
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Benjamin Franklin managed to persuade the British Parliament to abolish (get rid of) the law.

Then he returned to America.

In 1754 he had proposed a revolution to unite the North American colonies and break free of England.

It was time to make that a reality.

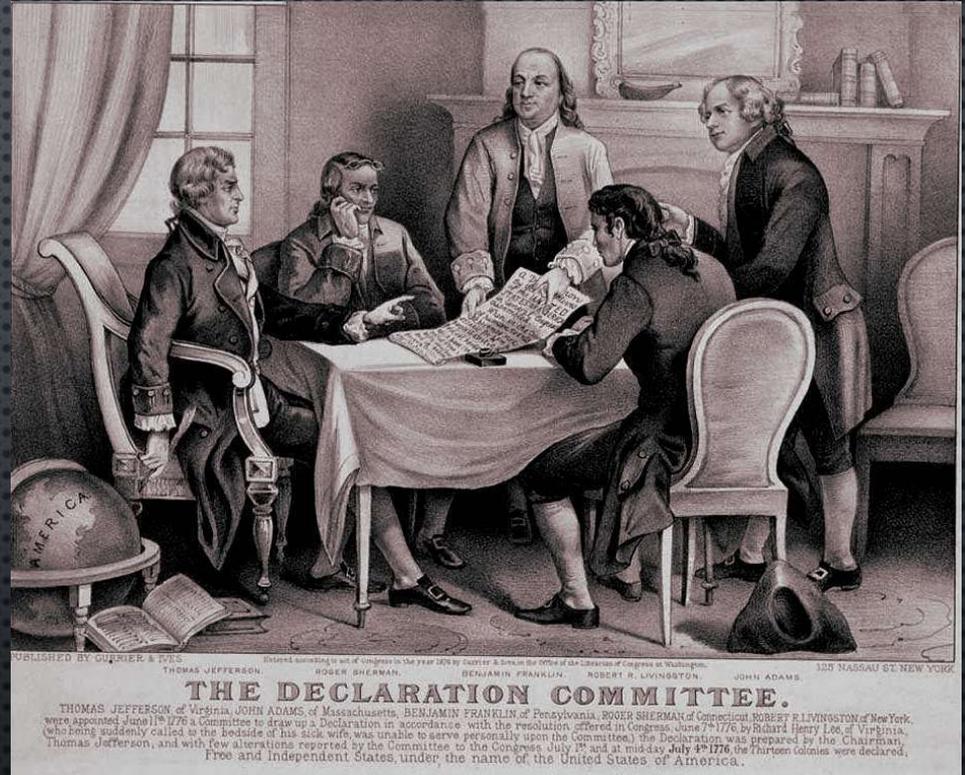


1847 Stamp

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In 1775 five men,
Benjamin Franklin,
Thomas Jefferson,
John Adams,
Robert R. Livingston,
Roger Sherman,
were asked to write

a declaration, a letter
to England telling them
the North American Colonies
wanted their independence.



THE BIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Much of
the writing
was
Thomas
Jefferson's;

Much of the
content was
Benjamin
Franklin's.



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THE DECLARATION COMMITTEE.

THOMAS JEFFERSON of Virginia, JOHN ADAMS of Massachusetts, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN of Pennsylvania, ROGER SHERMAN of Connecticut, ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON of New York, were appointed June 11th 1776 a Committee to draw up a Declaration in accordance with the resolution offered in Congress, June 7th 1776, by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, (who being suddenly called to the bedside of his sick wife, was unable to serve personally upon the Committee,) the Declaration was prepared by the Chairman, Thomas Jefferson, and with few alterations reported by the Committee to the Congress July 1st and at mid-day July 4th 1776 the Thirteen Colonies were declared Free and Independent States, under the name of the United States of America.

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In 1776 the Declaration of Independence was signed and sent to England.



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Shortly after the declaration of independence was signed,

Benjamin sailed to France as ambassador to the Court of Louis XVI.



Court of Louis XVI

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The French loved him.

He was the man
who tamed lightning;

the humble American,
who,

dressed like a
backwoodsman

was a match for any
wit in the world.



backwoodsman

THE BIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Activity: From Philadelphia in the USA
find Paris, France?



St Paul's Cathedral, London

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Activity:

What do you know about:

1. The Eiffel Tower, Paris

2. The Louvre, Paris



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Court of Louis XVI

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In 1778 the government of France signed a Treaty of Alliance with the Americans.

Benjamin Franklin was there in Paris when it was signed.



In 1783 the Americans won their Revolution.

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On 30 April 1789,
George Washington,
became first president
of the United States
of America

He took the
oath of office
at Federal Hall
in New York City.



George Washington
(1732-1799)

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Now in his late 70s, Benjamin Franklin returned to America.



WISH

NOT SO MUCH

TO LIVE LONG,

AS TO LIVE WELL.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



THE BIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

On 17 April 1790,
Benjamin Franklin
died aged 84.

20,000 people
attended his funeral.

However,

his electric
personality
still lights our world today.



THE BIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Final activity:

If Benjamin Franklin was alive today
how old would he be?

Take 1706 away from this year.

Do you know what this year is?

This year - 1706 = ? years old



THE BIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



I remain, Sir,
Your Humble Servant,
SILENCE DOGOOD.

THE END



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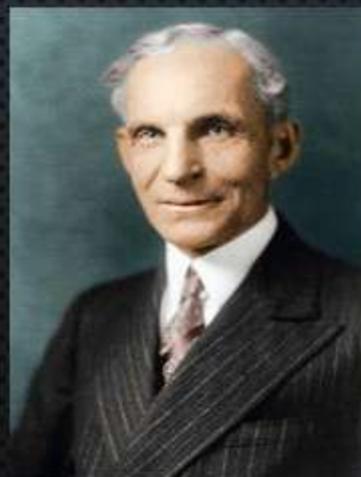
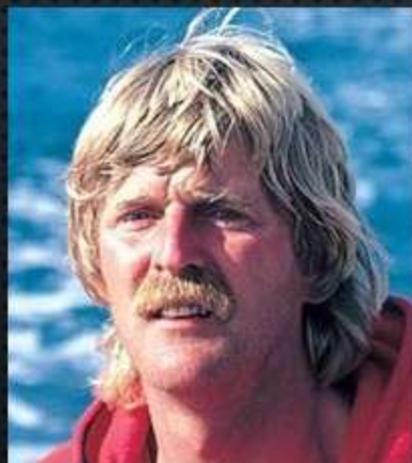
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ON
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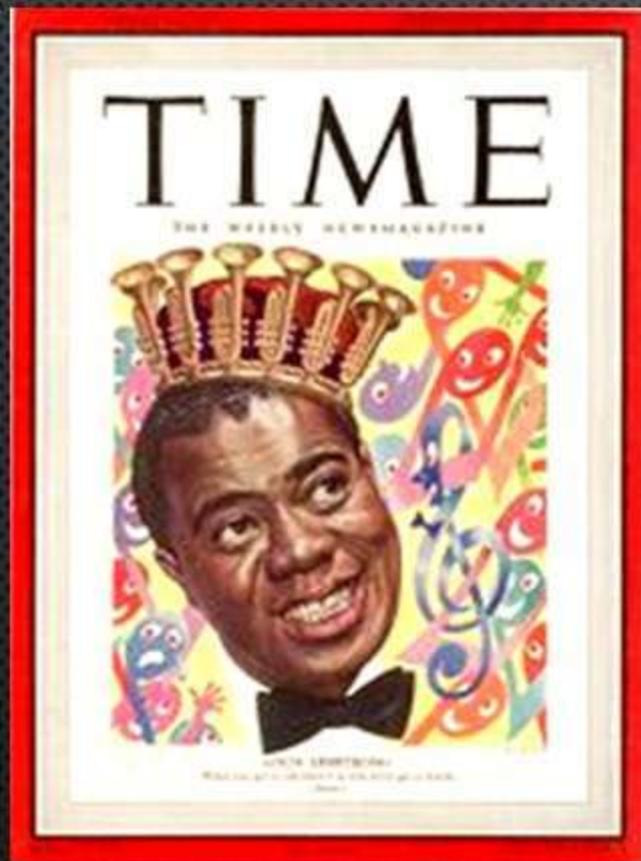
Louis Armstrong
Peter Blake

Leonardo di Vinci

Babe Ruth
Henry Ford



THE BIOGRAPHY OF LOUIS ARMSTRONG (1901 - 1971)



Louis Armstrong
1901 - 1971

Louis Armstrong
one of the greatest
trumpet players
of all time.

One of the most
influential figures in
jazz.

The oldest person ever
to have a #1 hit.

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