

Benjamin Franklin Web Quest

<http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/franklinb>

1. When was Benjamin Franklin born? _____
2. What city was he from? _____
3. In what year did he die? _____
4. He was the only person to sign which three important documents?

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/leaders/franklinb/electric_1

5. What did Franklin's experiments with a kite and key prove?

6. Which invention did Franklin believe was his most important invention?

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7. When Franklin was only 10 years old stopped going to school. What did he do instead? _____
8. When he was twelve, Benjamin became his brother James' apprentice. What is an apprentice? _____
9. What kind of business did James have?

10. What were Franklin's responsibilities as an apprentice?

11. When Franklin was 17 he ran away. Why?

12. Which city did he run to?

13. He started a business in this new city. What was the business?

14. Although Franklin had many, many accomplishments, when people asked him his profession he always answered that he was _____.

<http://www.gigmasters.com/armonica/history.html>

15. What musical instrument did Franklin invent?

Click here to play it. <http://www.fi.edu/franklin/musician/virtualarmonica.html>

16. What are some of the other musical instruments that he could play?

Franklin invented many other things.

<http://sln.fi.edu/franklin/inventor/inventor.html>

17. What did he invent to help him see well?

18. How did this invention help him?

<http://library.thinkquest.org/22254/stove.htm>

19. What is the Franklin Stove, and why was it an important invention?

<http://library.thinkquest.org/22254/inventions.htm>

20. Describe one of your favorite *Franklin Firsts*.

Franklin even designed his own kite. Have a look.

http://www.pbs.org/benfranklin/exp_kite.html

While you are on this page, click on the *Timeline* link (on the left side of the page).

21. What did he invent in 1717?

22. In what year did he get married, and who was the lucky girl?

23. What hospital did he found in 1755? Who was helped there?

Franklin was famous for many of his sayings.

<http://sln.fi.edu/franklin/printer/abc.html>

24. Pick one of your favorites and explain what it means.

Franklin traveled a lot during his life, and he accomplished a lot during those trips.

http://www.pbs.org/benfranklin/exp_worldly.html

25. Name one place he visited and describe what he did there.

http://www.pbs.org/benfranklin/l2_wit.html

26. How do we know so much about Franklin?
