

Benjamin Franklin



Listen to the text. Complete the missing dates in the timeline of Benjamin Franklin's life

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| 1706 | Born in Boston, USA, the eighth of ten children. |
| ¹ _____ | Leaves school after only two years because his parents cannot afford to pay. |
| 1718 | Starts working for his brother James, a printer. |
| 1728 | Starts his own printing company in Philadelphia. |
| ² _____ | Becomes owner of a newspaper, the <i>Pennsylvania Gazette</i> . |
| 1731 | Founds America's first lending library. |
| ³ _____ | Begins to publish the first in a series of almanacs, yearly books containing interesting facts, stories and puzzles. Their success makes Franklin rich. |
| 1748 | Retires from printing to spend more time on science and experiments. |
| 1750 | Publishes important work on electricity. |
| ⁴ _____ | Carries out his famous experiment with a kite in a storm. |
| 1776 | Becomes the first American Ambassador to France, and works to improve the relationship between the two countries. |
| 1785 | Retires from politics. |
| ⁵ _____ | Dies at the age of 84. Funeral is attended by 20,000 people. |

Listen again and complete the collocations with the verbs below

attend build carry out found publish
retire start write

- 1 _____ your own business
- 2 _____ an article for a newspaper
- 3 _____ a book
- 4 _____ a hospital
- 5 _____ a scientific experiment
- 6 _____ strong relations between two countries
- 7 _____ from a job
- 8 _____ a funeral