

# 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.  |
| <sup>1</sup> _____ | 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.  |
| <sup>2</sup> _____ | Becomes owner of a newspaper, the <i>Pennsylvania Gazette</i> .   |
| 1731               | Founds America's first lending library.   |
| <sup>3</sup> _____ | 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.  |
| <sup>4</sup> _____ | 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.  |
| <sup>5</sup> _____ | 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