

The Incredible Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, in January, 1706. He was a very important politician, scientist and inventor. He was one of the founding fathers of the United States of America.

Benjamin Franklin married at 24, and had two children with this wife.

As a scientist, he invented the lightning rod, which is an object that makes houses safer in thunderstorms. He also invented the chimney, and bifocal glasses, among others. His brother, John, was also an inventor.

As a politician, he was in the General Assembly of Philadelphia in 1736. He was a big influencer in the Declaration of Independence in 1776, helping Thomas Jefferson write it. In 1778 he was a Minister in France. He also stopped slavery in the United States of America.

Franklin believed firmly in sincerity, justice, moderation and humility, to which he had some very famous quotes like: "There never was a good war or a bad peace" and, "Never leave until tomorrow which you can do today". Franklin died in Philadelphia in April, 1790, at the age of 84.

II. What virtues do you think Benjamin Franklin had? Write one sentence giving a short reason why. You can use words from the box.

humble intelligent caring responsible modest kind
creative

I think Benjamin Franklin was... because...

II. Choose the correct detail from "The Incredible Benjamin Franklin."

Date of birth	a) February, 1706 b) January, 1705 c) January, 1706 d) April, 1705
Date of death	a) April, 1790 b) April, 1705 c) January, 1706 d) March, 1790
Career	a) Scientist and a policeman. b) Scientist and a politician. c) Politician and a lawyer. d) Lawyer and a scientist.

4. Circle the correct option.

I. When was Benjamin Franklin born?

- a) The sixteenth century
- b) The seventeenth century
- c) The eighteenth century
- d) The twentieth century

II. What did Benjamin Franklin invent?

- a) The chimney and the microwave
- b) The lightning rod, and bifocal glasses
- c) The car engine and the humidifier
- d) The lightning rod and the nuclear bomb

5. Check the type of text “The Incredible Benjamin Franklin” is.

Poetry ()

Fiction ()

Nonfiction ()

Drama ()

6. Write the difference between Fiction and Non-Fiction.

Fiction: _____

Non-Fiction: _____

7. Classify the following texts as Fiction or non-fiction.

Write F: for fiction

NF: for Non fiction

Autobiography

Drama

biography

poetry

essay

Myths

Newspaper Article

Plays