

## Who was Ben Franklin? Dennis Fraden

1. When Ben and his son did the kite experiment to prove that lightning was electricity, what did they carry the electricity home in?  
A Leyden jar
2. What invention came from Ben's kite experiment?  
The lightning rod
3. Young Ben did not like working in his father's candlemaking shop. At what trade did he apprentice until he was 21 yrs old?  
Ben apprenticed with his brother, James, in his printing shop.
4. What is an apprentice?  
An apprentice is a young boy who had to work without pay for years for a skilled craftsman.
5. In 1728, Ben published his own newspaper. What was its name?  
Pennsylvania Gazette
6. Poor Richard's Almanac became very popular. It was written by a poor man named Richard Saunders. Who was Richard Saunders?  
Ben Franklin
7. Ben also invented the Franklin stove. What did it do?  
The Franklin stove was an iron box that fit inside the fireplace. It directed heat into the room rather than up the chimney.
8. Name some things Franklin invented.  
Franklin stove    bifocals    glass harmonica    artificial arm
9. Name some things Franklin founded.  
Library of Philadelphia    Volunteer fire company    postmaster  
University of Pennsylvania    Pennsylvania Hospital
10. What did the King of England appoint Billy, Ben's son in America?  
The governor of New Jersey
11. What English Law did Franklin help get repealed that taxed all publications throughout the colonies?  
The Stamp Act
12. When English passed more taxes on the colonies, what happened to Franklin's family business?  
Ben was angry at the English and sided with the American colonists. Ben's son, the governor of NJ sided with England because he was appointed by the king.
13. What country helped the colonies win the war with England?  
France
14. Name 2 important American documents that Franklin had a part in writing?  
The Declaration of Independence and The US Constitution