

Benjamin Franklin

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Summary

This book is about Benjamin Franklin's life and accomplishments.

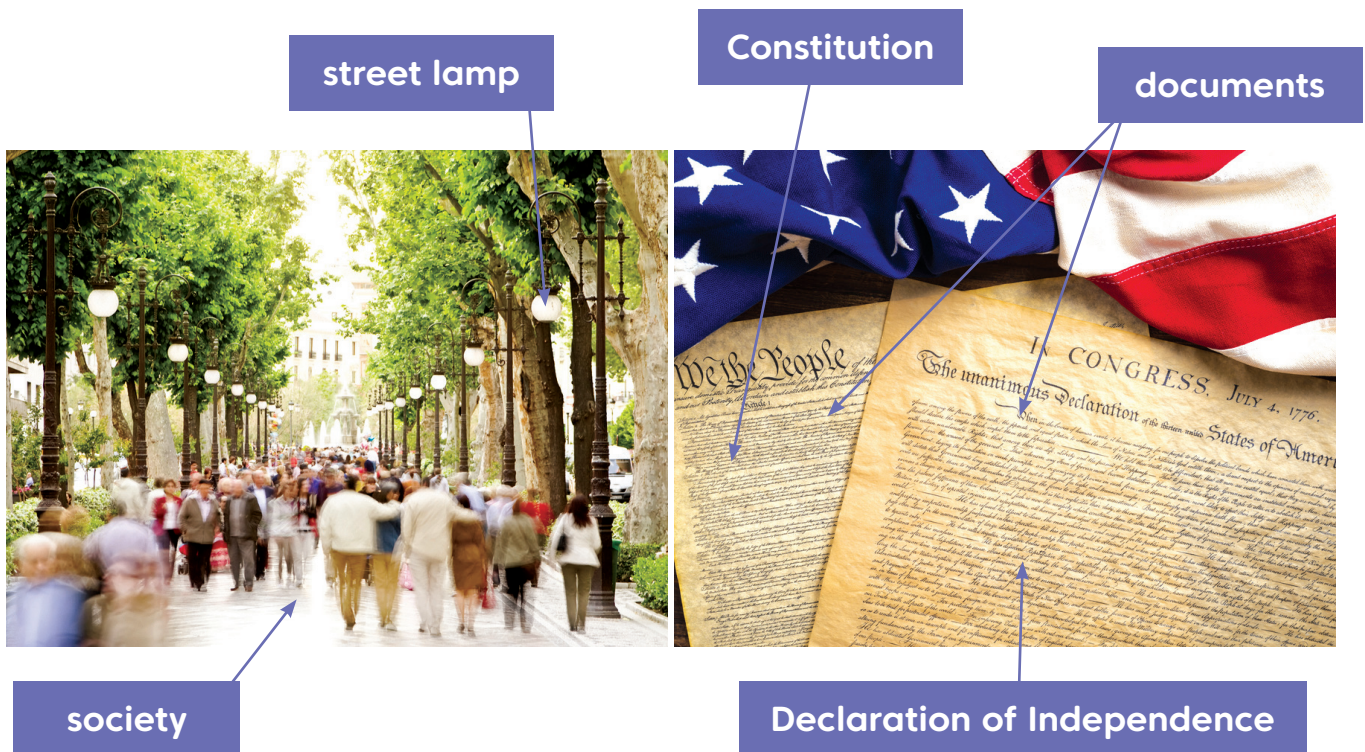
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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



1. What did congress approve on July 4th, 1776?

2. What lights up streets at night?

3. What are the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence examples of?

4. What is a group of people living in the same community called?

Vocabulary

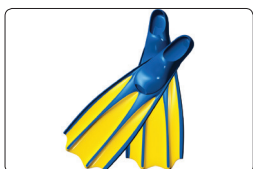
A Read and match.

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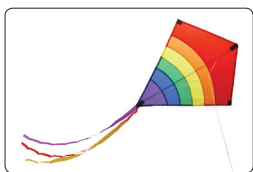
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• a. patrol

• b. gazette

• c. lightning

• d. stove

• e. kite

• f. fins

• g. vegetarian

• h. candle

B Write the word for each definition.

rubber society constitution useful member

1. _____ a set of laws for a country
2. _____ the group of people who live in the same community or under the same law
3. _____ a strong material that bends easily and is used to make tires, boots, etc.
4. _____ a person who belongs to a group
5. _____ helping you do or get something

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. When he was young, Benjamin Franklin left school to work with his father in their _____ shop.
 a. gazette b. constitution c. rubber d. candle
2. Benjamin Franklin chose one good _____ per week that helped to improve his life.
 a. invention b. habit c. document d. member
3. Benjamin Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanack* _____ many of his new ideas.
 a. was useful b. approved c. contained d. invented
4. His invention that improved heating systems in homes was called the Franklin _____.
 a. stove b. kite c. street lamp d. fin

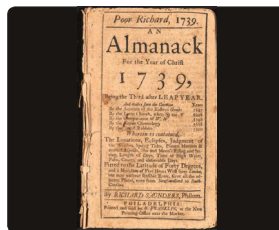
Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- Benjamin Franklin was one of the most popular leaders in American history.
- He put two types of glasses together which are now called bifocals.
- His magazine became popular, and Franklin became famous in America and other countries.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

- What was Benjamin Franklin's favorite invention?
 - The stove
 - The lightening rod
 - The street lamp
 - The kite
- Where did Benjamin Franklin organize the first trained fire department?
 - Pennsylvania
 - Washington, D.C.
 - Philadelphia
 - Boston
- What was Benjamin Franklin's discussion group called?
 - The Junto
 - Poor Richard's Almanack*
 - The Pennsylvania Gazette*
 - The Declaration of Independence

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. An improved street lamp
- b. America's first public library
- c. A love of reading
- d. Something that attracted lightning
- e. The first bifocals



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write "T" if it is true or "F" if it is false.

1. _____ Benjamin Franklin died in 1776 at the age of 84.
2. _____ Benjamin Franklin made his fins from wood.
3. _____ The University of Philadelphia was started by Benjamin Franklin.
4. _____ One of Benjamin Franklin's inventions was the glass armonica.
5. _____ Benjamin Franklin loved to read but did not like to write.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. Benjamin Franklin wanted to be seen as a good example to _____.
society congress
2. Benjamin Franklin loved to _____ useful things.
publish invent
3. In 1789, Benjamin Franklin and others signed the _____ of the United States of America.
Document Constitution
4. Benjamin Franklin invented _____ which are now made of rubber.
fins kites
5. Every year on the 4th of July, Americans celebrate _____ Day.
Independence Declaration

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ Benjamin Franklin published America's first national newspaper called *The Pennsylvania Gazette*.
- b. _____ He left school to work with his father in their candle shop.
- c. _____ He read that a vegetarian diet was healthier than eating meat, so he stopped eating meat.
- d. _____ He helped raise money to build the first hospital in America.
- e. _____ He and other members of congress approved the Declaration of Independence.

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
_____ _____ helped to free America from British rule and helped America gain its independence.	At the age of just 23, Franklin published America's first national newspaper called _____.	In _____, America and Britain went to war.	Benjamin Franklin was born in 1706 in Boston, _____.	Casually, the American \$100 bill is called a "_____" because it has Benjamin Franklin's face is on it.

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

_____.

Now I also know _____

_____.