

# Benjamin Franklin

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Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on January 17 1706. Benjamin Franklin was a leading author, printer, political theorist, politician, freemason, postmaster, scientist, inventor, civic activist, statesman, and diplomat. He was also one of the Founding Fathers of the U.S. Benjamin Franklin was elected president in 1769 but didn't become president.

As a scientist, Benjamin Franklin made many inventions. He was most known for the lightning rod, bifocals, and the Franklin stove. He did many experiments to prove that lightning is, in fact, electricity. This led to his invention of the lightning rod, which helps to keep buildings safe from lightning. The Franklin stove, an odometer for a carriage, and the glass harmonica are some of his other inventions. In science, he studied and made discoveries in the area of electricity, cooling,

meteorology, printing, and the wave theory of light.

Ben was also known for his statesmanship. He helped negotiate and write the 1783 Treaty of Paris, which ended the Revolutionary War. In 1787, he signed the new U.S. Constitution.

Ben was born in Boston, Massachusetts on January 17, 1706. His father was a candle maker. Ben stopped going to school when he was 10. He started working as an apprentice for his brother and as a printer when he was 12. He learned most of his education by reading a lot of books. Ben ran away when he was 17, breaking his apprenticeship with his brother. He went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he worked as a printer. Ben first became known to the public as the publisher of the newspaper the Pennsylvania Gazette.

Benjamin Franklin is a very famous man today. You might see him on a one hundred dollar bill. As an American statesman, printer, scientist, and writer, Benjamin Franklin was one of our country's fore-fathers. He helped form our country in its early days. Mr. Franklin

died in Philadelphia at age 84.

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