**Florida Explorer Activities:**

**Who was Benjamin Franklin?**

**Before class:** Have each student write down one question they would like to ask Benjamin Franklin.

**Interactive Assessment**

**Benjamin Franklin will lead students in questions and answers.**

What state was I born in?

1. Massachusetts
2. Pennsylvania
3. Florida
4. England

How many brothers and sisters did I have?

1. 0
2. 2
3. 10
4. 16

What did I invent to help me swim?

1. Goggles
2. Lightning rod
3. Swim fins for hands
4. Printing press

What kind of apprenticeship did I do with my brother?

1. Cutlery
2. Printing
3. Science Lab
4. Swimming

Which of my inventions helped heat homes?

1. Lighting Rod
2. Fire Insurance
3. Franklin Stove
4. Bifocals

What country were Pennsylvania and Massachusetts originally a part of?

1. United States of America
2. England
3. Canada
4. France

Why did I think America should separate from Great Britain?

1. The government no longer represented the people.
2. Because I wanted to be king.
3. France made America.

I helped write and sign \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Benjamin Franklin Inventions**

Draw a picture of Benjamin Franklin’s Most important invention!

Why is the invention you chose the most important invention of Benjamin Franklin?

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**Benjamin Franklin’s Role in America's Creation Activity**

Benjamin Franklin supported America's declaring independence from England.

Benjamin Franklin believed that the English government no longer helped the people of America. He believed that government should be for and by the people.

Remember, the government makes rules for everyone in a community to live by. Why should the government be for the people?

**Benjamin Franklin: Writer**

Benjamin Franklin is well known for his writings and famous sayings. Many of his thoughts on life were shared in his Poor Richard’s Almanac, which was a useful tool in 1700s America. *Poor Richard’s Almanac* contained a calendar, weather forecasting, sayings and proverbs.

Please visit The Benjamin Franklin Institute at <https://fi.edu/en/science-and-education/benjamin-franklin/famous-quotes>

1. Which quote is your favorite? Write it below:

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1. Draw a picture that represents your quote:

**Benjamin Franklin Role Play Assessment**

Role Play with a Partner

* Before the Lesson, students write down 1 question they would ask Benjamin if they could speak with him.
* During the script portion, students listen for the answers to their questions. If Mr. Franklin has not asked the question by the end of the presentation, students can ask directly.
* After the presentation is over, students are paired together. One partner asks the other student his or her question. That student responds as Benjamin Franklin. Then, the roles are reversed. The second student asks his or her question, and the first student responds as Benjamin Franklin.

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