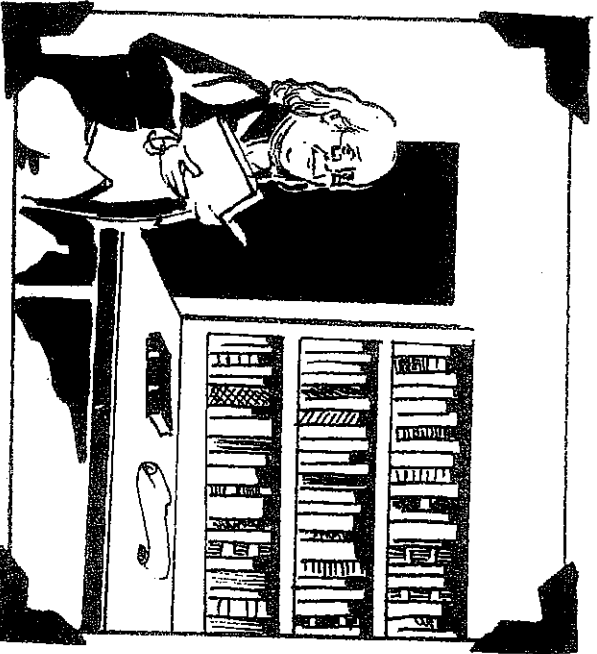


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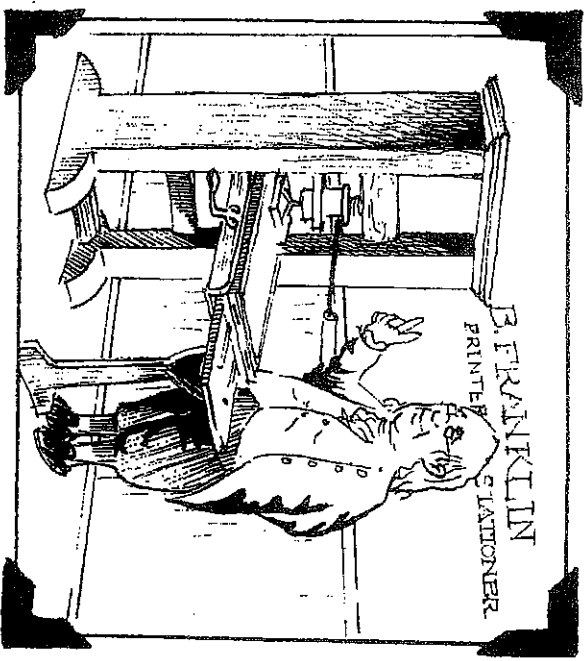


Benjamin Franklin was born on January 17, 1706. He was the tenth son of seventeen children. His father was a soapmaker and a candlemaker.

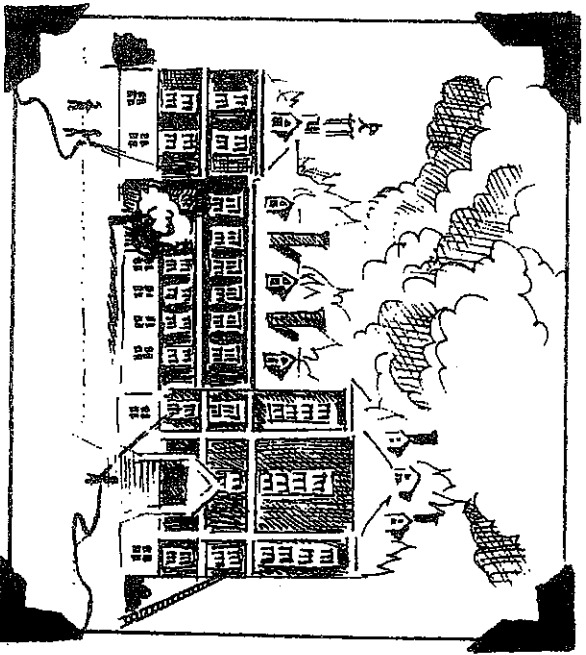


His love of books led him to create the first subscription library in America. Members contributed money which was used to purchase books. These books were then loaned to the members free of charge. It allowed people access to many books.

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At twelve, he became an apprentice printer. This led to printing a newspaper, the paper currency for several colonies, and Poor Richard's Almanac which is a collection of wise sayings.

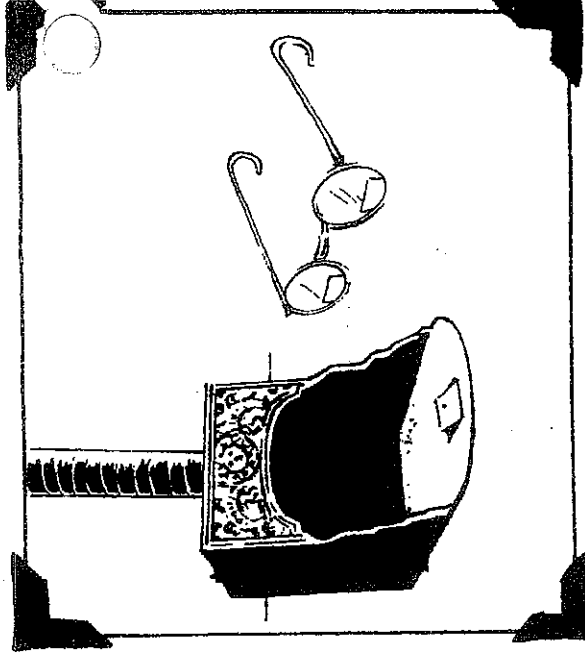


He brought about many improvements in Philadelphia. Alarmed by the large number of homes and businesses lost to fire, Franklin established a "volunteer" fire department. He also organized the first hospital in America.

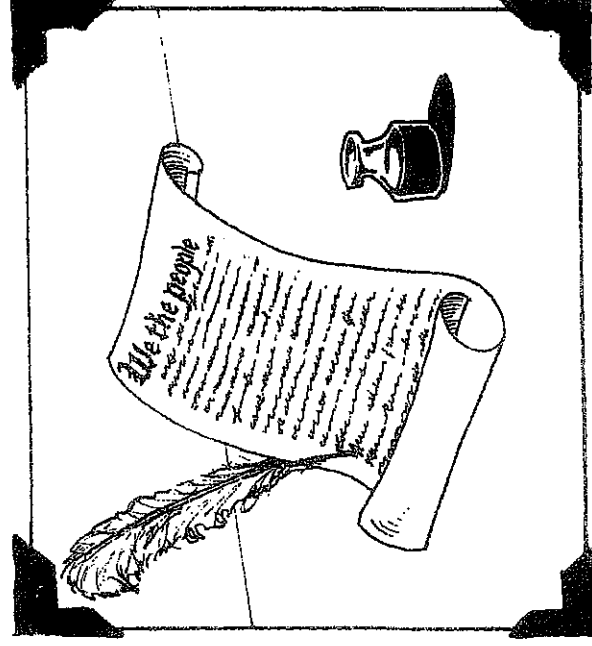
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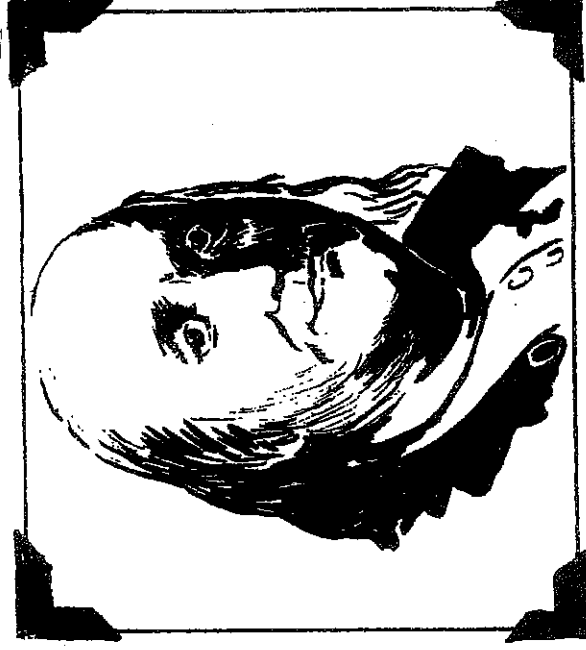
He made a kite that he flew during a thunderstorm. The lightning struck a wire on the kite, travelled down the string, and caused a spark on the key. In 1752 this experiment led to the invention of the lightning rod and proved that lightning is actually electricity.



Other inventions included bifocal glasses and the Franklin stove. Since people used stoves for heating their homes, it was important that the Franklin stove gave off more heat than regular stoves.



Franklin is the only American to have signed all four major documents: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Treaty of Alliance with France, and the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain.



Benjamin Franklin was a talented man. He served his nation as a statesman, scientist, and community servant.

1. The land on the end of the settlement is called the \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Newcomers who moved to the frontier in western Pennsylvania are called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Why did colonists move to the frontier? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. One of the best known trappers was \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. He was born near Reading.
5. A huge canvas-covered wagon that carried crops to market were called \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Name 3 things that pioneers did to their land before they built their one-room home.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
7. When farmers grow only the food they needed, nothing extra, it is called \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Name 2 jobs of pioneer boys: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Name 2 jobs of pioneer girls.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

9. What effect did the pioneers moving west have on the Lenape, the Shawnee, and the Seneca people? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Would you have liked to be a pioneer on the frontier in Pennsylvania? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Colonial Pennsylvania and Ben Franklin Quiz

**Directions: Fill in the blank with the correct word. All of the words will be used.**

Word Bank

Almanac	Lightning rod	Religious freedom
Slavery	Manufacturing	Bifocals
Poor Richard's Almanac		

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is making a person the property of another person.
2. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a reference source that includes information about weather and other topics.
3. Many settlers came to the colonies for \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is a book full of Benjamin Franklin's clever sayings.
5. Making goods by machine is called \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Ben Franklin invented the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Directions: Circle the correct answer.**

7. \_\_\_\_\_ was the largest city of the 13 colonies by 1775.
- a. Boston
  - b. Baltimore
  - c. Philadelphia
  - d. New York City

8. An indentured servant is a person:
- a. that is the property of another person.
  - b. that can predict the future.
  - c. that agrees to work for someone for a set amount.
  - d. that cleans teeth.

9. Benjamin Franklin was an:
- a. priest.
  - b. blacksmith.
  - c. teacher.
  - d. inventor.

**\*\*Bonus: What year was Ben Franklin born? \_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_ Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHAPTER 4 – Colonial Pennsylvania**

**Make sure to study the following key vocabulary words:**

explore: to travel to unfamiliar places in order to find out about them

Northwest Passage: Explorers thought this was a water route through North America to Asia.

trading post: A place where Native Americans could bring fur and trade them for goods.

colony: A place ruled by another country

treaty: A formal agreement between countries or peoples.

immigrant: A person who comes to live in a new land from another place

indentured

Servant: A person who agreed to work for someone in the colonies for a fixed amount of time to pay for their trip.

slavery: The practice of making one person the property of another.

port: A place where ships load and unload goods

manufacture: To make goods by machine

frontier: Land on the edge of a settlement

pioneer: A person who leads the way

subsistence

farming: Farmers growing only the food they need with nothing extra to sell.

**Know the following people:**

Tamemund: A Lenape chief who signed a treaty with William Penn

Daniel Boone: One of the best known trappers and pioneers who led people west

**People continued:**

- Sybilla Masters: A first female inventor who created a machine for cleaning corn
- Hannah Penn: William Penn's wife and the only woman who ruled one of the 13 colonies
- Johan Printz: A former Swedish soldier who was made leader of New Sweden in 1642

**Know these key concepts:**

- 1.. William Penn, a Quaker, believed everybody, including Native Americans, should be treated fairly.
2. Farms in the southeast part of Pennsylvania raised so much corn and wheat that it was known as the Breadbasket of America.
3. Dutch explorers traveled to America in the 1600's to set up trading posts with the Native Americans.
4. William Penn called his colony the Holy Experiment.
5. Pennsylvania means Penn's Woods.
6. Philadelphia means the City of Brotherly Love.
7. King Charles granted land to William Penn because of a debt he owed to Penn's father.
8. Another name for the Quakers is the Society of Friends.
9. An almanac is a reference source that includes information about weather and other topics.
10. Philadelphia was the largest city of the 13 colonies by 1775.
11. Benjamin Franklin invented many things like the lightning rod & bifocals.
12. Poor Richard's Almanac is a book full of Benjamin Franklin's clever sayings.