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A Man Remembered

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Benjamin Franklin is one of the most important people in American history. The influence of his life has stayed with us for over 200 years. Today we see his picture on stamps and on the hundred-dollar bill. Just why is this man still remembered?

Franklin was one of 17 children. He was born to a very poor family in Boston, Massachusetts. He did not get a very good education. His father could not afford to send him to school past his tenth birthday. However, Franklin did not stop learning. He taught himself reading, writing, math, different languages, science, and philosophy through books. When he was 17 years old, Franklin moved to Philadelphia.

Within a couple years, Franklin owned a printing business. He then printed a newspaper. He earned great fame publishing a yearly book called an almanac. It included poems, financial

advice, jokes, and even predicted the weather. It sold around the world.

Although Franklin thought that printing was his career, he was known for much more. Whenever he saw a problem, Benjamin Franklin set out to invent a solution. His inventions include an energy-efficient wood-burning stove and bifocal glasses. He established an academy of learning. He started the first city hospital. He had many other ideas that improved life for the citizens of Philadelphia. He did not ask for money. He simply wished to make life better for people.

Franklin also played an important role in the making of America. He helped bring an end to the Revolutionary War. Then he took part in the Constitutional Convention. Benjamin Franklin died at the age of 84. We still remember him today over 200 years later.

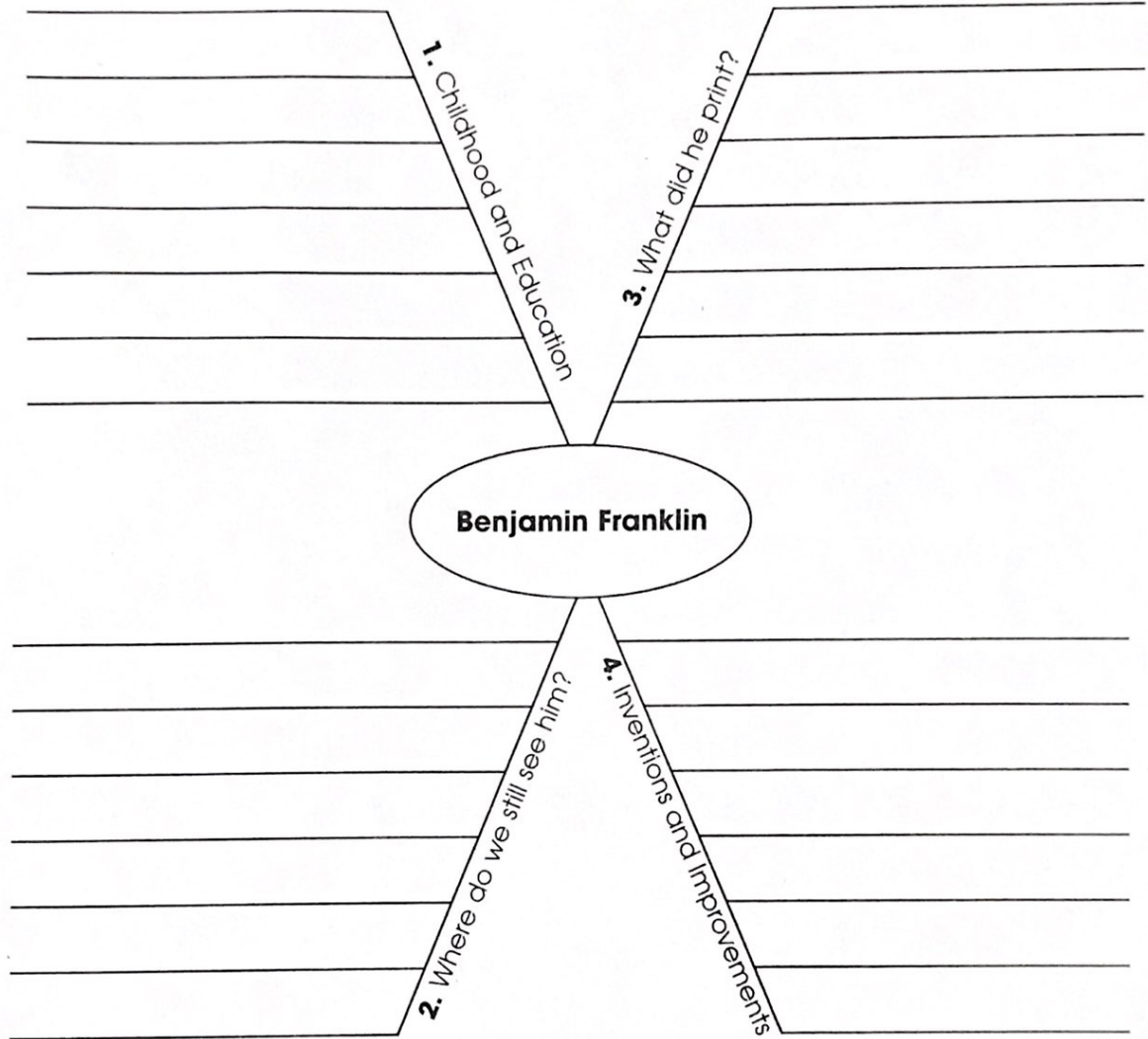




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