

Ben Franklin

Man of Many Talents

Project Post-test

Name _____
Date _____

1. Ben Franklin was called a Renaissance man. Do you agree with this statement? Explain. _____

2. In this unit, you will learn about some of Franklin's achievements. Put a check next to each item that you think is associated with Benjamin Franklin.

- demonstrated that lightning is a form of electricity
- invented a musical instrument
- charted the gulf stream
- published a newspaper
- signed the Declaration of Independence
- signed the Constitution
- his son was a British Official
- he attached a fan to a rocking chair
- loved playing games like chess
- wrote songs and ballads
- failed math in school
- enjoyed math puzzles called magic squares
- owned a printing business
- printed money
- invented the Pennsylvania fireplace
- wrote now popular sayings in his almanac
- started the first lending library in America
- organized the first volunteer fire department in America
- encouraged the use of lottery tickets
- served as Postmaster General
- invented the lightning rod
- created the first fire insurance company in America

John said, "No one alive today could ever be like Ben Franklin."

Sarah replied, "That's not true. Even **you** could be like Ben Franklin. You could do things **today** that would make you a lot like Ben."

3. Who do you agree with? Is Sarah correct? Could a fifth grader like John be like Ben Franklin? _____

4. A patent is:

- a. a design often used as a model
- b. a document that provides protection for an invention
- c. a type of shiny leather
- d. both a and b

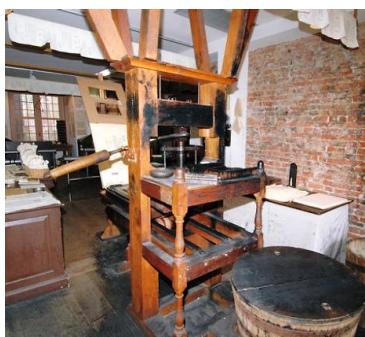
5. What is propaganda?

- a. a plan for spreading one's opinions or beliefs
- b. an item that serves as scenery for a play
- c. the process of being organized
- d. great wealth or power

6. Which of these is associated with the glass armonica?

- a. tunes or melodies
- b. water
- c. the use of pedals
- d. all of the above
- e. none of the above

7. Much of the information about Franklin is housed at Independence National Historical Park. What is the function of the National Park Service?

8. Write the name of the object below the picture.

Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia