

Clues for Benjamin Franklin

1. Born in 1706, the eighth of ten children whose father's name was Josiah and mother's name was Abiah.
2. An Avid reader and swimmer who often swam without a swimsuit. He longed to be a sailor.
3. After his family could not afford to send him to school to study for the clergy, his father insisted he try each of the following trades: joiner, boot closer, turner, chandler.
4. At the age of twelve, he was apprenticed to his brother, a printer, for nine years. He learned to love printing, and he started a newspaper, published an almanac, wrote volumes of essays and articles.
5. Invented bifocals, the lightning rod, swim fins, and a personal version of the odometer, an instrument to measure the distance traveled by a wheeled vehicle.
6. He was in the Committee of five that drafted the Declaration of Independence.

7. In 1776 he was the first U.S. Ambassador when he was sent to France to persuade the French to assist the colonies in the War of Independence.
8. First United States Postmaster, and primary founder of The University of Pennsylvania
9. He was honored by having his face on more U.S. postage except for George Washington and on the \$ 100 bill.
10. He invented the Franklin stove to provide more heat and less smoke than an ordinary fireplace.