

To learn about Benjamin Franklin (vs. reading his autobiography), take this quiz. Pull up the file below and click the link above. WRITE YOUR ANSWERS DOWN ON A SHEET OF PAPER.

ANSWERS SHOULD BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (That way you DO NOT have to write the question!!!!!!!!!!)

1. Where was Benjamin Franklin born?
2. Was Benjamin Franklin ever president of the United States?
3. What was his father's occupation? What was his name?
4. How many siblings did he have? What child was Franklin in the line of children?
5. How many years of formal education did Franklin complete? What age did he begin and end?
6. What was Franklin's worst subject in his brief stint at school?
7. What did Franklin want to be when he grew up?
8. At the age of 12, Franklin was apprenticed to his brother in what kind of shop?
9. While working for his brother, Franklin secretly wrote letters to the newspaper under this name.
10. Where did Franklin go when he quit the print shop?
11. What was the name of the newspaper that Franklin ran in Philadelphia?
12. In 1737, the Pennsylvania Gazette published Franklin's list of more than 200 synonyms for this word.
13. Did Franklin own slaves? If so, how many? Did they have names?
14. Which of these terms did Franklin NOT coin? Battery, Telephone, or Electricity
15. Franklin devised a new phonetic alphabet that would do away with the letters C, J, W, Y, Q and _____. What was the letter? _____ Why did he feel the need to do away with these letters?
16. For how many years of his life did Franklin live overseas? Where did he live? How many times did he cross the Atlantic?
17. What discovery did Franklin make that cut two weeks off travel time across the Atlantic? Explain his discovery according to the quiz.
18. Which bird did Franklin argue might be a better national symbol than the eagle?
19. In 1775, Franklin became the first person to hold this position in the United States.
20. What was the name of the philosophical club that Franklin started in Philadelphia? Also, who were they? When did they meet?
21. In 1747, Franklin anonymously wrote a fictional story about this woman, who was prosecuted for having a child out of wedlock.
22. Franklin had quite a fondness for pseudonyms. What was another?
23. Most of Franklin's famous sayings were first published in the almanac. This was NOT one of them.
24. Bach and Beethoven composed pieces on this now-obscure instrument that Franklin invented.

25. Franklin was an unlikely trendsetter when he moved to Paris toward the end of his life. What was one item that he made fashionable?

26. In 1783, Franklin negotiated this treaty, which ended the Revolution. _____ Who were the other 3 men involved?

27. Franklin's son William was the governor of this state.

28. At what age did Franklin become a self-proclaimed "gentleman of leisure?" And, what was he then able to do?

29. Which college did Franklin NOT have a hand in founding?

Franklin and Marshall College

University of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania State University

30. In 1968, Franklin was inducted into the hall of fame for this sport.