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Benjamin Franklin
Patriot and Statesman
Born 1706 - Died 1790

1. How did Benjamin Franklin's father try to help him decide on a career?

2. What were "articles of indenture"?

3. Why did Ben sign his letters "Silence Dogood"?

4. How did his brother try to trick Ben?

5. What famous publication did Benjamin Franklin print for 25 years?

6. Tell how the first library in America was started.

7. Which of his inventions did he refuse to patent, and why did he refuse to do so?

8. What did he prove one day in a thunderstorm and how did he do it?

9. How did he serve his country in France?

10. How are poor people today still being helped by Benjamin Franklin?

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