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Benjamin Franklin Quiz

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1. Ben Franklin is considered one of the _____ of the United States.

- a. Original Members
- b. Band of Brothers
- c. Founding Fathers
- d. Team of Rivals

2. Place the following events in order: A) Franklin travels to France; B) Franklin invents bifocals; C) Franklin helps draft the Declaration of Independence

- a. C, B, A
- b. B, C, A
- c. A, C, B
- d. C, A, B

3.  In the sentence, "Poor Richard's Almanack contained many witty epigrams," what does the word "epigram" mean?

- a. Crossword puzzle
- b. Piece of weather-related information
- c. Short saying or piece of wisdom
- d. Argument for U.S. independence

4. What did Benjamin Franklin have in common with Thomas Jefferson?

- a. They both helped write the Declaration of Independence
- b. Neither of them traveled outside the United States
- c. They both served as President of the United States
- d. They were both born in Philadelphia

5. Which of the following is an opinion about Benjamin Franklin?

- a. He invented bifocal glasses and a new type of stove
- b. He first became known as a successful printer and newspaperman
- c. There is a bridge in Philadelphia named after him
- d. His greatest achievements involved experimenting with electricity

6. Why did Franklin travel to France?

- a. He went there on vacation
- b. He was hiding from the British army
- c. He was writing the Declaration of Independence
- d. He was trying to get France's support for the American Revolution

7. From the information presented in the movie, what conclusion can you draw from the story of Benjamin Franklin's life?

- a. Only in France did Franklin receive the respect he deserved
- b. Early American leaders besides Franklin weren't very smart
- c. Franklin was a man of many different talents
- d. Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin were bitter rivals

8. What can you infer was the most likely reason that Franklin caused a stir in France by wearing a coonskin cap?

- a. People in France had never seen that kind of hat before
- b. The hat was Franklin's latest invention
- c. People in France didn't know what a raccoon was
- d. Statesmen in France didn't wear hats

9. Franklin was president of the Pennsylvania Abolition Society. What did "abolition" refer to?

- a. Ending slavery
- b. Putting a Bill of Rights into the Constitution
- c. Declaring independence from England
- d. Publishing books and pamphlets

10. What did Franklin's kite experiment prove?

- a. Lightning is harmless
- b. As long as you are grounded, you can't be electrocuted
- c. Lightning is a form of electricity
- d. Thunder is a form of energy