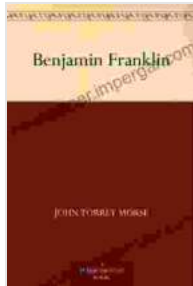


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Benjamin Franklin was one of the most important figures in American history. He was a printer, publisher, inventor, scientist, and diplomat. He also played a key role in the American Revolution and the founding of the United States.

Franklin was born in Boston in 1706. He was the fifteenth of seventeen children. His father was a candle maker and soap boiler. Franklin's formal

education ended at age ten, but he continued to read and learn throughout his life.

At age 12, Franklin was apprenticed to his brother James, a printer. He learned the printing trade and also began to write and publish his own essays. In 1723, Franklin left Boston and moved to Philadelphia. He worked as a printer and publisher for several years before starting his own printing business in 1728.

Franklin's printing business was successful, and he soon became one of the most prominent printers in the colonies. He published a variety of materials, including books, newspapers, and almanacs. Franklin's almanacs were especially popular, and they helped to make him a household name.

In addition to his printing business, Franklin was also active in public life. He served in the Pennsylvania Assembly and the Continental Congress. He also helped to found the University of Pennsylvania and the American Philosophical Society.

Franklin was a strong advocate for American independence. He played a key role in the drafting of the Declaration of Independence and the Treaty of Paris, which ended the Revolutionary War.

After the war, Franklin served as the first Postmaster General of the United States. He also served as the American ambassador to France.

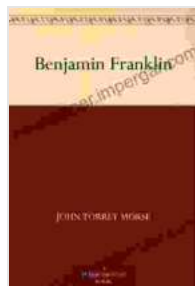
Franklin died in Philadelphia in 1790. He is buried in Christ Church Burial Ground.

Franklin was a remarkable man who made significant contributions to American history. He was a brilliant inventor, a gifted writer, a skilled diplomat, and a dedicated public servant. He is remembered as one of the most important figures in the founding of the United States.

Here are some of Franklin's most famous accomplishments:

* He invented the lightning rod. * He helped to draft the Declaration of Independence and the Treaty of Paris. * He served as the first Postmaster General of the United States. * He served as the American ambassador to France. * He founded the University of Pennsylvania and the American Philosophical Society.

Franklin's legacy continues to inspire Americans today. He is a reminder of the importance of public service, the power of education, and the value of innovation.



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