

Franklin Helps Out

Read about Benjamin Franklin's work for his community and country.

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three actions Benjamin Franklin took to help people. These actions show why he is remembered.

A Problem Solver

- ① Benjamin Franklin was a leader in the American colonies. He lived in Philadelphia for many years. Franklin liked to solve problems that could help his neighbors. He wrote, printed, and shared ideas in a newspaper called the Pennsylvania Gazette.
- ② Franklin studied lightning during storms. He flew a kite with a key tied to the string, but he did not stand in a storm holding it. His work helped people learn that lightning is electricity.
- ③ Franklin also helped start a lending library and a fire company in Philadelphia. A lending library let people borrow books. The fire company helped neighbors fight fires. Later, Franklin helped the colonies work together as the United States began.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

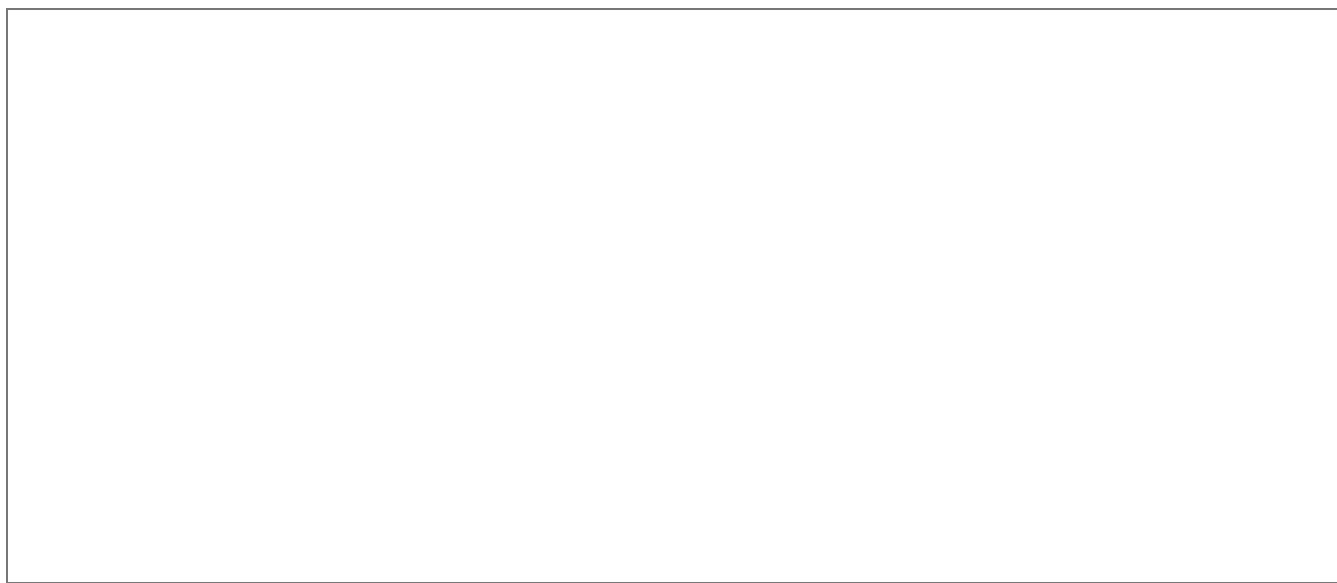
1 What did Benjamin Franklin write and print to share ideas?

2 How did the lending library help people?

3 What did Franklin's work with lightning help people learn?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Think of one problem at your school or in your neighborhood. Draw a helpful idea to solve it, then write two sentences that tell the problem and how your idea would help.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline three actions Benjamin Franklin took to help people. These actions show why he is remembered. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Benjamin Franklin write and print to share ideas?	He wrote and printed the Pennsylvania Gazette newspaper.
2	How did the lending library help people?	It let people borrow books.
3	What did Franklin's work with lightning help people learn?	It helped people learn that lightning is electricity.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would start a pencil-sharing box for students who forget pencils. It would help everyone have a pencil ready to learn.

Accept any reasonable school or neighborhood problem and a related helpful idea. The two sentences should clearly name the problem and explain how the idea helps people.