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Benjamin Franklin

Biography

Full Name:

Benjamin Franklin

Birth Date & Place:

January 17, 1706
 Boston, Massachusetts

Schooling:

After only two years of formal schooling, Franklin went to work in his father's candle and soap shop. From that time on, he educated himself by reading.

Lived:

Boston, Massachusetts
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 London, England

Death:

April 17, 1790
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Achievements

Ben Franklin was the colonies' first postmaster general.

He served as a diplomat and statesman during the American Revolution.

Franklin proved that lightning is a form of electricity with his famous, and very dangerous, kite experiment.

1775: He was a member of the 2nd Continental Congress and helped draft the Declaration of Independence.

Fun Facts

He started the first library and the first volunteer fire department in America.

He was a prominent member of Continental Congress; helped frame the Declaration of Independence.

Fun Facts (cont.)

He negotiated a Treaty of Alliance with France during the American Revolution.

Quotes

"I now take up a resolution to do for the future all that lies in my way for the service of my countrymen."

"A penny saved, is a penny earned."

What is the Value of a \$100 Dollar Bill?

A hundred-dollar bill is worth one hundred dollars. This value can also be written as \$100.00. It is equivalent to 100 \$1.00, 50 \$2.00, 20 \$5.00, 10 \$10.00, 5 \$20.00, or 2 \$50.00.

What is on the Back of the Bill?

Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Trivia

A \$100 bill has a life span of about nine years.

The \$100 bill has been the largest denomination of currency in circulation since 1969.

In the engraving of Independence Hall on the back of the bill, there are three unnamed people pictured, and the clock is set at 4:10. There are no records explaining why that particular time was chosen.

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