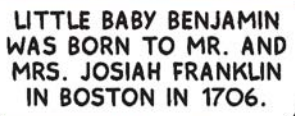




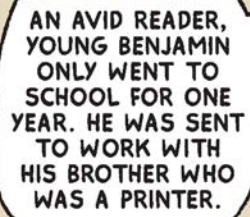
LOOK HOW FAST I SWIM WITH MY FINS, LIGHTNING.



LET'S MEET THE PERSON WHO CREATED FINS.



LITTLE BABY BENJAMIN WAS BORN TO MR. AND MRS. JOSIAH FRANKLIN IN BOSTON IN 1706.



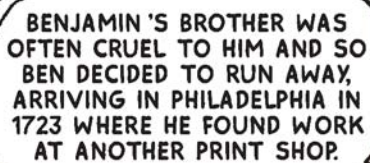
AN AVID READER, YOUNG BENJAMIN ONLY WENT TO SCHOOL FOR ONE YEAR. HE WAS SENT TO WORK WITH HIS BROTHER WHO WAS A PRINTER.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN!!!!



THIS LOOKS LIKE REALLY HARD WORK!



BENJAMIN'S BROTHER WAS OFTEN CRUEL TO HIM AND SO BEN DECIDED TO RUN AWAY, ARRIVING IN PHILADELPHIA IN 1723 WHERE HE FOUND WORK AT ANOTHER PRINT SHOP.



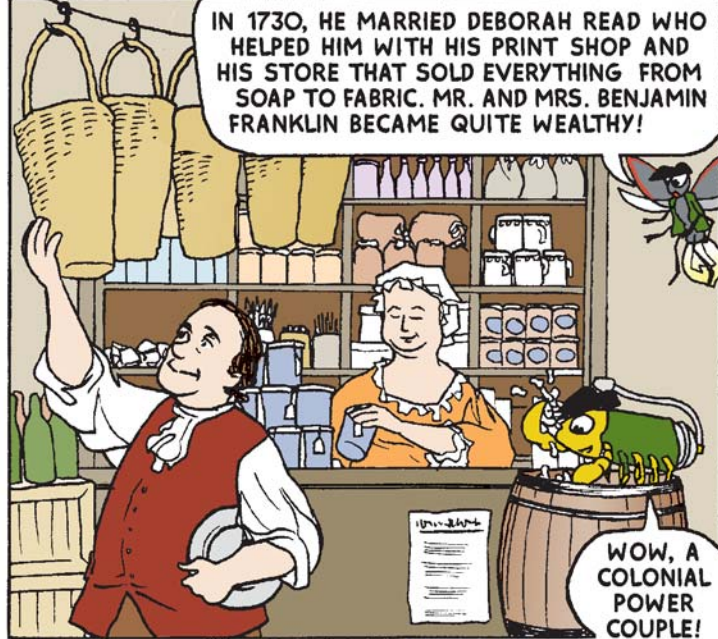
WELL YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ... AFTER CROSSES AND LOSSES MEN GROW HUMBLER AND WISER.

WORKING FOR A BOSTON PRINTER, FRANKLIN SOON DISCOVERED THAT HE WAS A BETTER PRINTER THAN THE OWNER OF THE SHOP. SO BEN BORROWED SOME MONEY AND OPENED HIS VERY OWN PRINT SHOP!



HARD WORK PAYS OFF!

IN 1730, HE MARRIED DEBORAH READ WHO HELPED HIM WITH HIS PRINT SHOP AND HIS STORE THAT SOLD EVERYTHING FROM SOAP TO FABRIC. MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BECAME QUITE WEALTHY!



WOW, A COLONIAL POWER COUPLE!

FRANKLIN BOUGHT A NEWSPAPER CALLED THE PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE WHICH HE PRINTED HIMSELF. HE ALSO WROTE MANY OF THE ARTICLES AND EVEN PRINTED A POLITICAL CARTOON HE HAD DRAWN!



IN 1733, BEN PUBLISHED POOR RICHARD'S ALMANACK, A BOOK PRINTED ANNUALLY THAT INCLUDED WEATHER PREDICTIONS, RECIPES, AND SHORT STORIES.

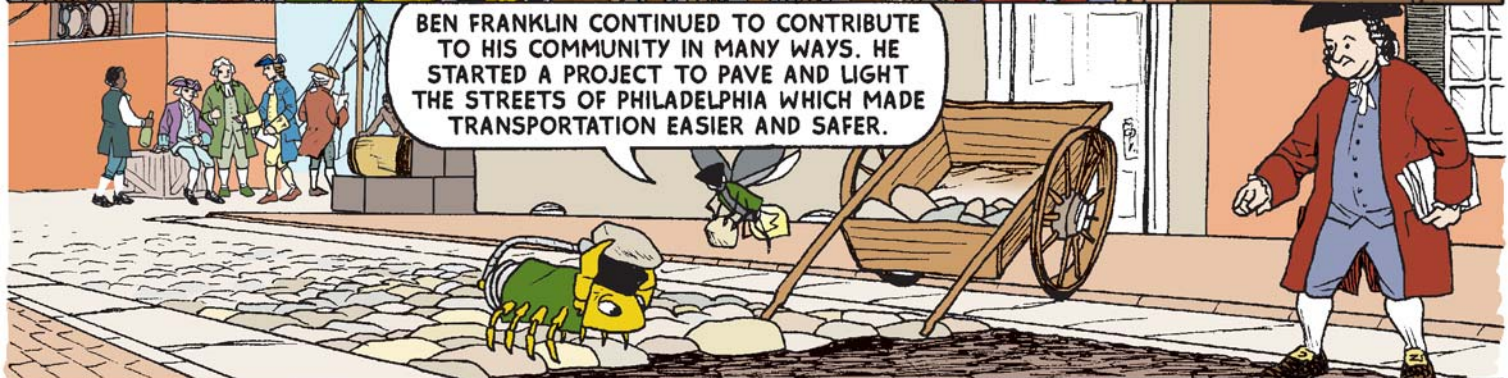


I LOVE READING THIS BOOK BUT I NEED TO GO TO BED. YOU KNOW, EARLY TO BED AND EARLY TO RISE MAKES A BUG HEALTHY WEALTHY AND WISE!

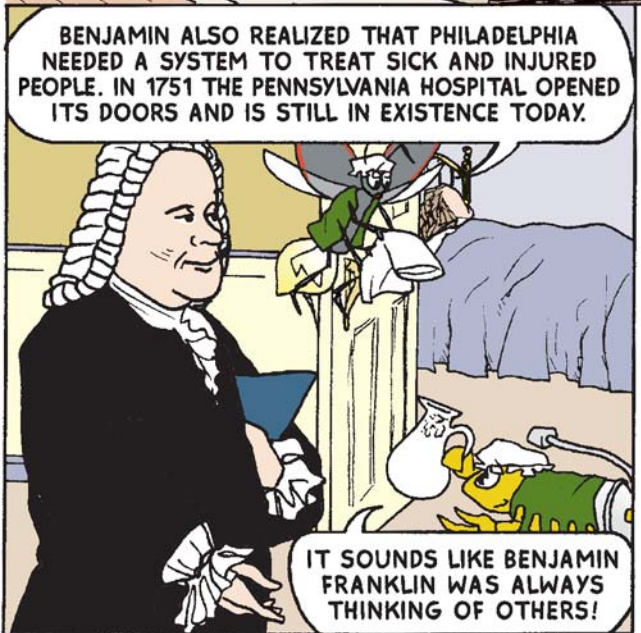
A cartoon illustration of Benjamin Franklin in a library. He is wearing a brown coat and a green cap. A green fly with a black hat is flying around him, holding a book. Franklin is pointing towards the bookshelves.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN  
SURE LOVED BOOKS!**

**AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE SET  
UP THE FIRST PUBLIC LENDING  
LIBRARY IN AMERICA. AT THIS  
TIME, BOOKS WERE VERY SCARCE  
AND EXPENSIVE. IT WAS EASIER  
FOR PEOPLE TO BORROW BOOKS  
THAN TO BUY THEM.**

A cartoon illustration of a city street. Ben Franklin is walking on the right, wearing a red coat and blue breeches. In the foreground, a green fly with a black hat is pushing a wooden wheelbarrow filled with stones. Other people are walking in the background.

**BEN FRANKLIN CONTINUED TO CONTRIBUTE  
TO HIS COMMUNITY IN MANY WAYS. HE  
STARTED A PROJECT TO PAVE AND LIGHT  
THE STREETS OF PHILADELPHIA WHICH MADE  
TRANSPORTATION EASIER AND SAFER.**

A cartoon illustration of a hospital. Ben Franklin is sitting in a chair on the left, wearing a black coat and white cravat. A green fly with a black hat is standing on a table next to him, holding a white cloth. There are beds with blue covers in the background.

**BENJAMIN ALSO REALIZED THAT PHILADELPHIA  
NEEDED A SYSTEM TO TREAT SICK AND INJURED  
PEOPLE. IN 1751 THE PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL OPENED  
ITS DOORS AND IS STILL IN EXISTENCE TODAY.**

**IT SOUNDS LIKE BENJAMIN  
FRANKLIN WAS ALWAYS  
THINKING OF OTHERS!**

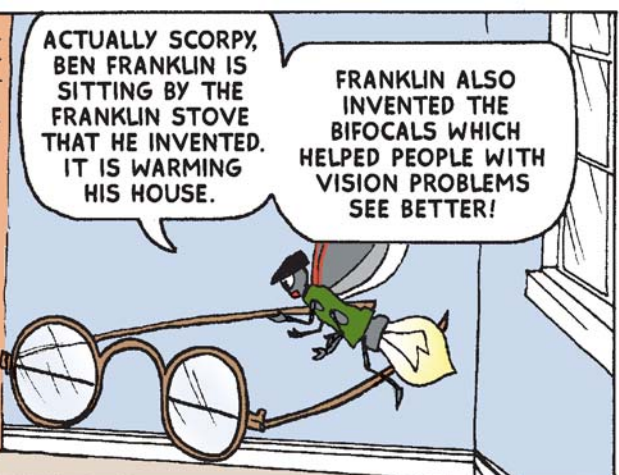
A cartoon illustration of a fire department. Ben Franklin is sitting in a wooden fire cart on the left, wearing a red coat. Three men are pushing the cart. A green fly with a black hat is running alongside them.

**FRANKLIN ALSO ORGANIZED THE VERY FIRST  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN AMERICA,  
CALLED PHILADELPHIA 'S UNION FIRE COPMANY.**

**I GUESS AN  
OUNCE OF  
PREVENTION  
IS WORTH  
A POUND  
OF CURE!**




IT'S NICE TO SEE BUSY BEN TAKING A BREAK!



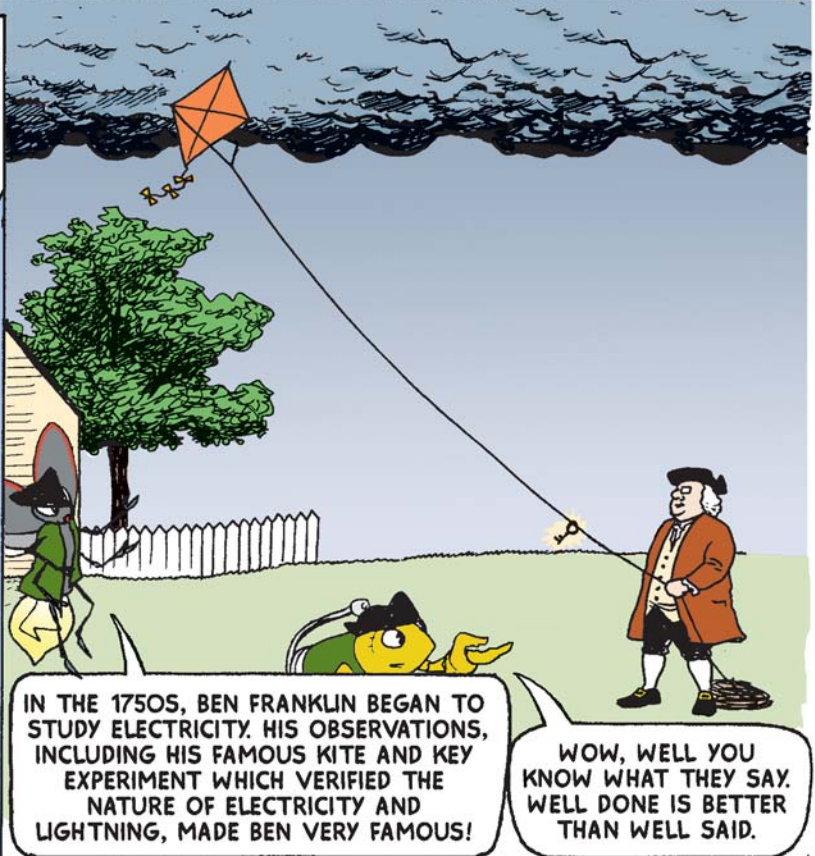
ACTUALLY SCORPY, BEN FRANKLIN IS SITTING BY THE FRANKLIN STOVE THAT HE INVENTED. IT IS WARMING HIS HOUSE.

FRANKLIN ALSO INVENTED THE BIFOCALS WHICH HELPED PEOPLE WITH VISION PROBLEMS SEE BETTER!



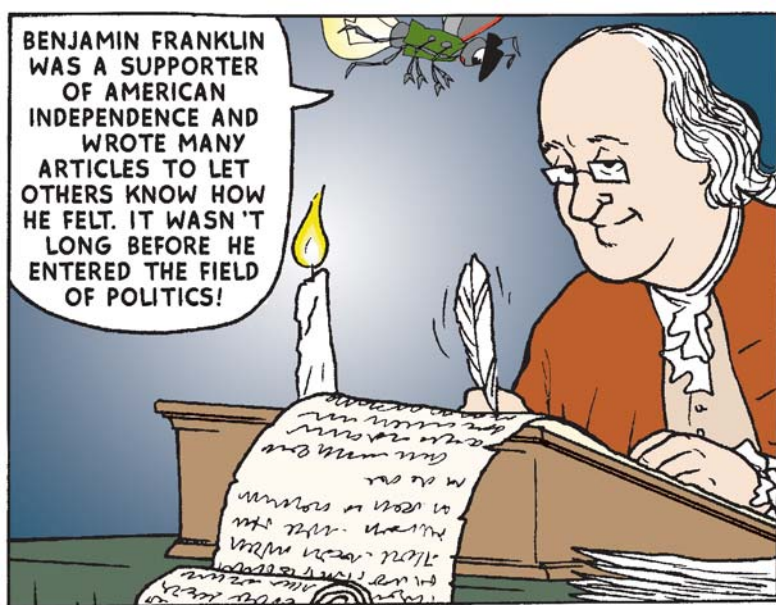
YOUR SWIM FINS WERE ALSO INVENTED BY FRANKLIN! HE OBSERVED FISH SWIMMING AND MOVING THROUGH THE WATER AND DECIDED THAT FINS WOULD HELP PEOPLE BECOME BETTER SWIMMERS!

HE REALLY MADE A SPLASH!

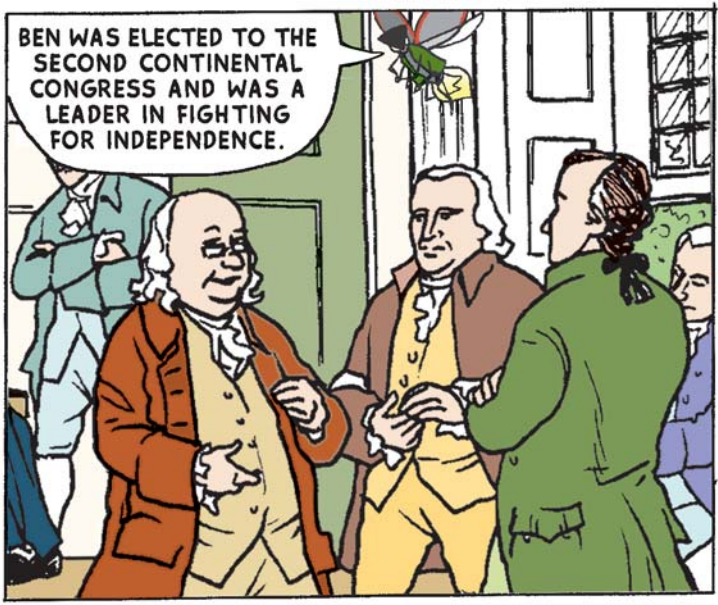


IN THE 1750S, BEN FRANKLIN BEGAN TO STUDY ELECTRICITY. HIS OBSERVATIONS, INCLUDING HIS FAMOUS KITE AND KEY EXPERIMENT WHICH VERIFIED THE NATURE OF ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTNING, MADE BEN VERY FAMOUS!

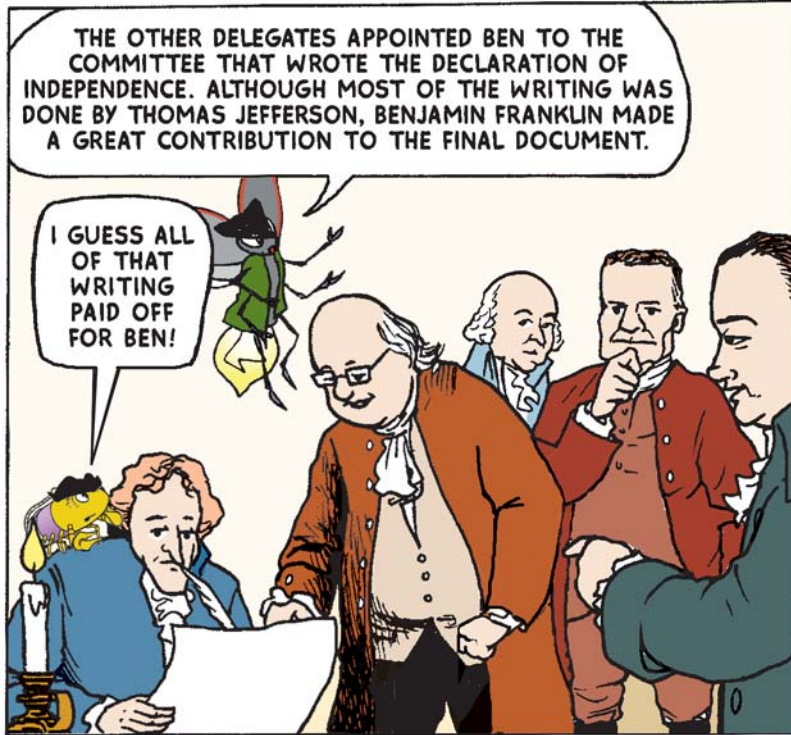
WOW, WELL YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY. WELL DONE IS BETTER THAN WELL SAID.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WAS A SUPPORTER OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE AND WROTE MANY ARTICLES TO LET OTHERS KNOW HOW HE FELT. IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE HE ENTERED THE FIELD OF POLITICS!

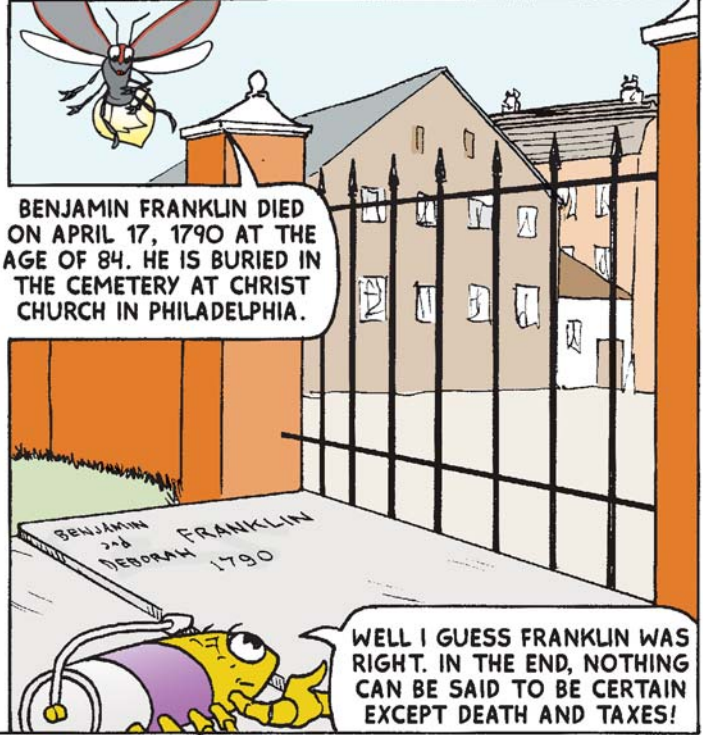


BEN WAS ELECTED TO THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS AND WAS A LEADER IN FIGHTING FOR INDEPENDENCE.



THE OTHER DELEGATES APPOINTED BEN TO THE COMMITTEE THAT WROTE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE WRITING WAS DONE BY THOMAS JEFFERSON, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT.

I GUESS ALL OF THAT WRITING PAID OFF FOR BEN!



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DIED ON APRIL 17, 1790 AT THE AGE OF 84. HE IS BURIED IN THE CEMETERY AT CHRIST CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA.

WELL I GUESS FRANKLIN WAS RIGHT. IN THE END, NOTHING CAN BE SAID TO BE CERTAIN EXCEPT DEATH AND TAXES!