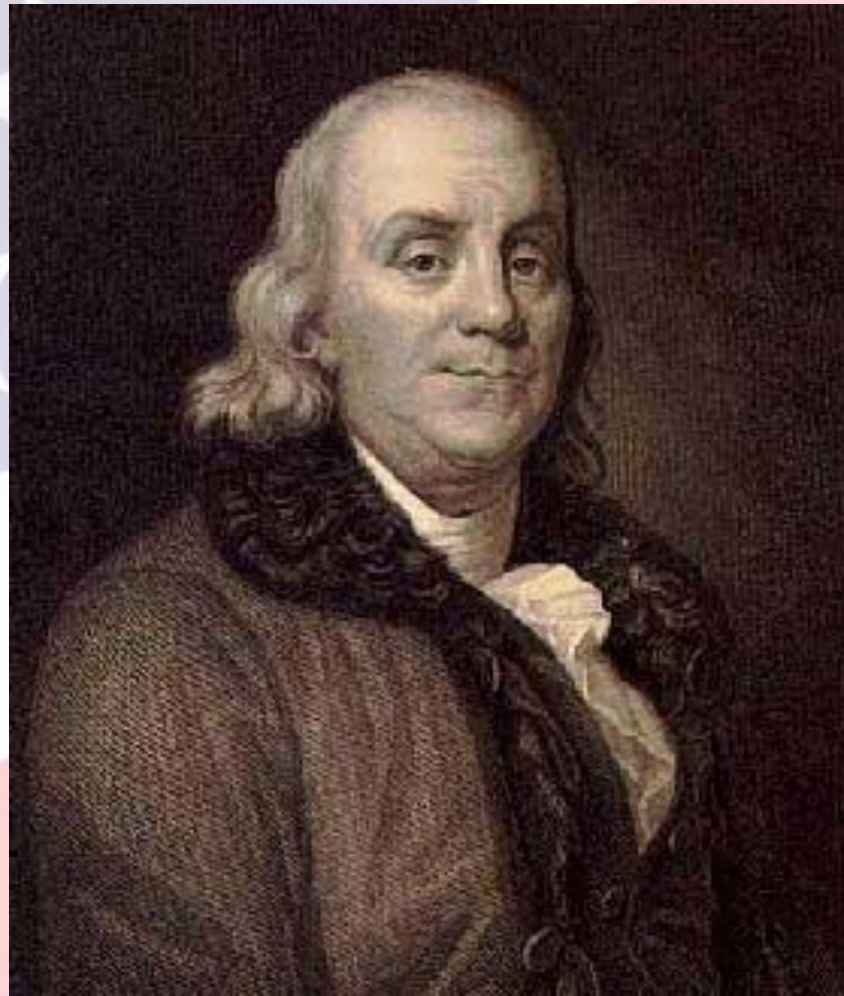


Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin

- ★ Born in Boston on January 17, 1706
- ★ Father was Josiah Franklin, a soap maker
- ★ Mother was Abiah Folger, second wife of Josiah
- ★ Benjamin was the tenth son of Josiah, who fathered 17 children in all

The Apprentice

- ★ Brother James was a printer
- ★ Benjamin helped compose pamphlets and set type
- ★ Young Benjamin would go sell them on the streets
- ★ He wanted to write for the paper, but James wouldn't let him
- ★ He wrote letters under the fictional name, "Silence Dogood"
- ★ After 16 letters, he confessed what he had done to his brother

The Runaway

- ★ Benjamin quit his apprenticeship with his brother at age 17 due to harassment and beatings from James and ran away
- ★ He eventually ended up in Philadelphia, where he landed work as a printer
- ★ He got married in 1730 to Deborah Read



The Educator

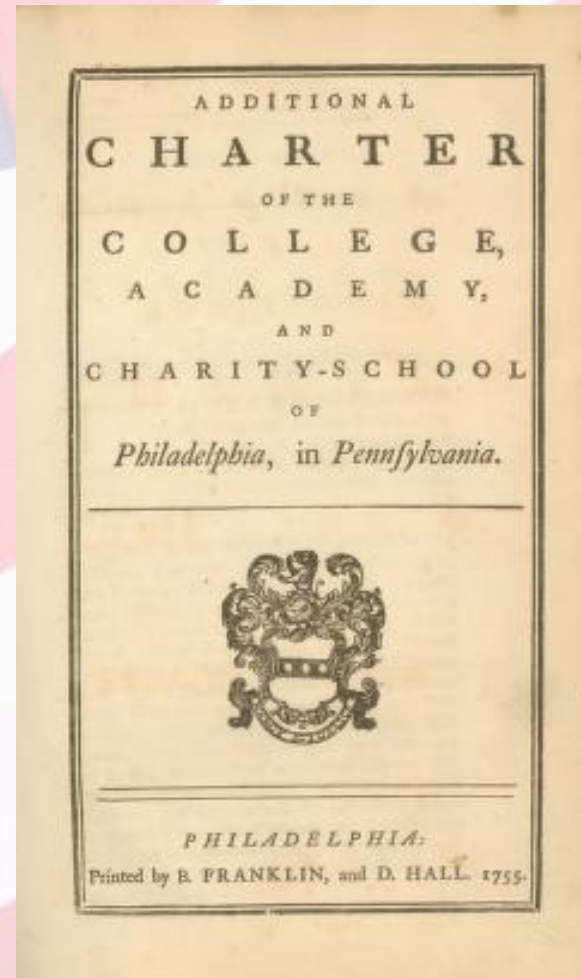
- ★ In 1749, Franklin wrote *Proposals Relating to the Education of Youth in Pennsylvania*
- ★ This publication led to the establishment of the Academy of Philadelphia in 1751

The Academy



The Academy

- ★ **Education at the Academy followed three patterns:**
 - Traditional college preparatory with emphasis on Latin and Greek
 - English-Language program for those planning to end their education at the Academy
 - The normal course, for prospective common school teachers

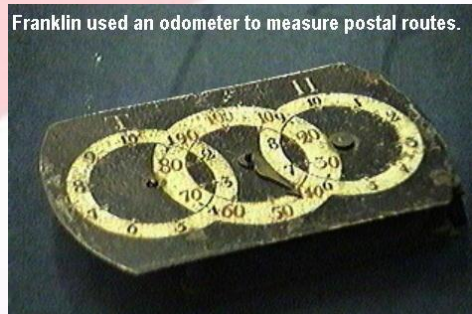
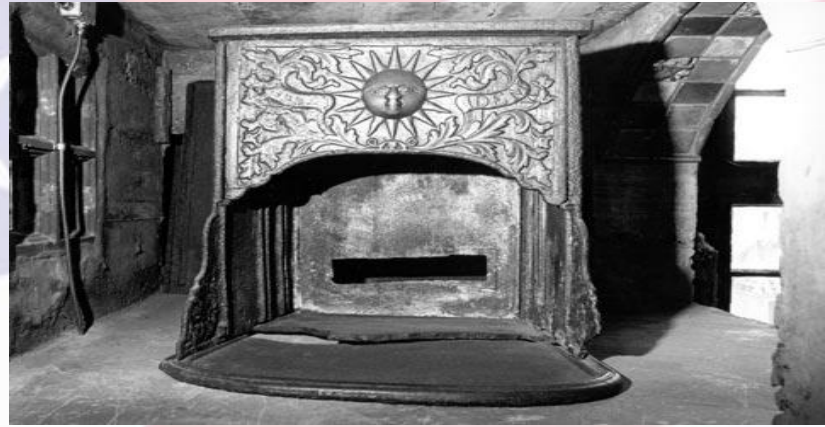


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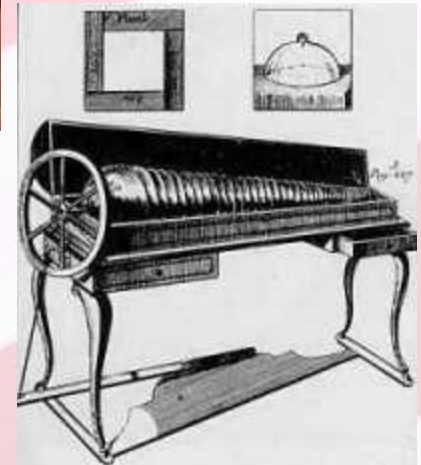


Other Inventions

- ★ Bifocals
- ★ Franklin Stove
- ★ Discovered Electricity
- ★ Lightning Rod
- ★ Glass Armonica
- ★ Odometer
- ★ Suggested Daylight Savings Time



Franklin used an odometer to measure postal routes.



The END