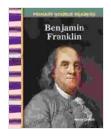
# Benjamin Franklin: A Man of Many Talents and Accomplishments

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on January 17, 1706. He was the son of a candle maker. Franklin had little formal education, but he was a voracious reader and taught himself a variety of subjects. At the age of 12, he was apprenticed to his brother, a printer. Franklin quickly learned the printing trade and began to write and publish his own essays and pamphlets.



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In 1723, Franklin moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He established a successful printing business and became involved in local politics. Franklin served as a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly and as postmaster of Philadelphia. He also founded the American Philosophical Society, a learned society that is still active today.

Franklin was a brilliant scientist and inventor. He is best known for his experiments with electricity. In 1752, he conducted his famous kite experiment, which proved that lightning is a form of electricity. Franklin also invented the lightning rod, the bifocals, and the Franklin stove.

Franklin was a gifted diplomat and statesman. He played a key role in the American Revolution. He was a delegate to the Continental Congress and helped to draft the Declaration of Independence. Franklin also served as the first postmaster general of the United States and as the American ambassador to France.

Franklin was a man of great intelligence, wit, and charm. He was also a tireless worker and a devoted patriot. He is considered one of the most important figures in American history.

#### Franklin's Legacy

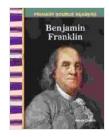
Franklin's legacy is vast and enduring. His scientific discoveries helped to advance our understanding of the world. His inventions have made our lives easier and more comfortable. His political writings helped to shape the course of American history. And his diplomatic skills helped to secure the independence of the United States.

Franklin is remembered today as one of the greatest Americans who ever lived. He is an inspiration to us all, and his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

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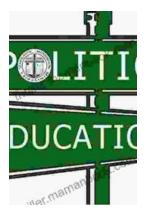
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