

## The Many Hats of Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin was unquestionably one of the most remarkable figures in American history. For starters, he discovered that lightning was electricity through his famous key experiment. He was also a prolific inventor, creating the Franklin Stove, bifocals, and the lightning rod among other things. He penned Poor Richard's Almanac, a famous publication which included predictions, jokes, and sayings such as "a penny saved is a penny earned." He helped the city of Philadelphia create its first library, fire insurance company, and hospital. He also founded the University of Pennsylvania in 1740. Finally, he was a founding father who spent many years in Europe championing the American cause, before coming back to America to help write the Declaration of Independence.

If you could create a shield or coat of arms that illustrated Benjamin Franklin's life and all of his accomplishments, what would it look like? Use lots of color.

