

**Ben Franklin
Man of Many Talents
Project Pre-test**

Name _____

Date _____

1. Ben Franklin was called a Renaissance man. Do you agree with this statement? Explain. _____

2. In this unit, you will learn about some of Franklin’s achievements. Put a check next to each item that you think is associated with Benjamin Franklin.

- _____ demonstrated that lightning is a form of electricity
- _____ invented a musical instrument
- _____ charted the gulf stream
- _____ published a newspaper
- _____ signed the Declaration of Independence
- _____ signed the Constitution
- _____ his son was a British Official
- _____ he attached a fan to a rocking chair
- _____ loved playing games like chess
- _____ wrote songs and ballads
- _____ failed math in school
- _____ enjoyed math puzzles called magic squares
- _____ owned a printing business
- _____ printed money
- _____ invented the Pennsylvania fireplace
- _____ wrote now popular sayings in his almanac
- _____ started the first lending library in America
- _____ organized the first volunteer fire department in America
- _____ encouraged the use of lottery tickets
- _____ served as Postmaster General
- _____ invented the lightning rod
- _____ created the first fire insurance company in America

John said, *“No one alive today could ever be like Ben Franklin.”*

Sarah replied, *“That’s not true. Even **you** could be like Ben Franklin. You could do things **today** that would make you a lot like Ben.”*

3. Who do you agree with? Is Sarah correct? Could a fifth grader like John be like Ben Franklin? _____

4. A patent is:

- a. a design often used as a model
- b. a document that provides protection for an invention
- c. a type of shiny leather
- d. both a and b

5. What is propaganda?

- a. a plan for spreading one's opinions or beliefs
- b. an item that serves as scenery for a play
- c. the process of being organized
- d. great wealth or power

6. Which of these is associated with the glass armonica?

- a. tunes or melodies
- b. water
- c. the use of pedals
- d. all of the above
- e. none of the above

7. Much of the information about Franklin is housed at Independence National Historical Park which is part of the National Park Service. What is the function of the National Park Service?

8. Write the name of the object below the picture.
