

LESSON PLAN**UNIT** People in History**GRADE** K-1 Grade**THEME** Different Hats of Benjamin Franklin**EQUIPMENT** Computer w/Internet Access
Worksheet**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Students will:

1. Understand the contributions of individuals from various backgrounds who have influenced the history of the United States.
2. Understand the characteristics of leadership.

TIME	LESSON CONTENT – ACTIVITY
15 minutes	Introductory Activities: Ask students what they know about Benjamin Franklin. Record their responses on the board. Guide the discussion to point out that Franklin was a man of many accomplishments -- a printer, a writer, a philosopher, a scientist, an inventor, a musician, a statesman, and an economist. Tell students they will be learning more about the life and accomplishments of Benjamin Franklin.
15 minutes	Main Learning Activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Go to http://www.k8websites.com, K-1 Grade Level2. Click on "Different Hats of Benjamin Franklin"3. For pre-readers, read the presentation to them.4. After viewing, pass out worksheet. Have students do activity on worksheet.5. Turn in worksheet.
	National Curriculum Standards: Grade level: K-2 Subject area: History Standard: Understands the folklore and other cultural contributions from various regions of the United States and how they helped to form a national heritage.
	Closure: One major part of Benjamin Franklin's character was his choice to invent things for the common good. He was not interested in becoming wealthy for his inventions. Ask the students to think of something that they wish they could invent for the common good. List answers on the board or have them write a short essay on this topic.

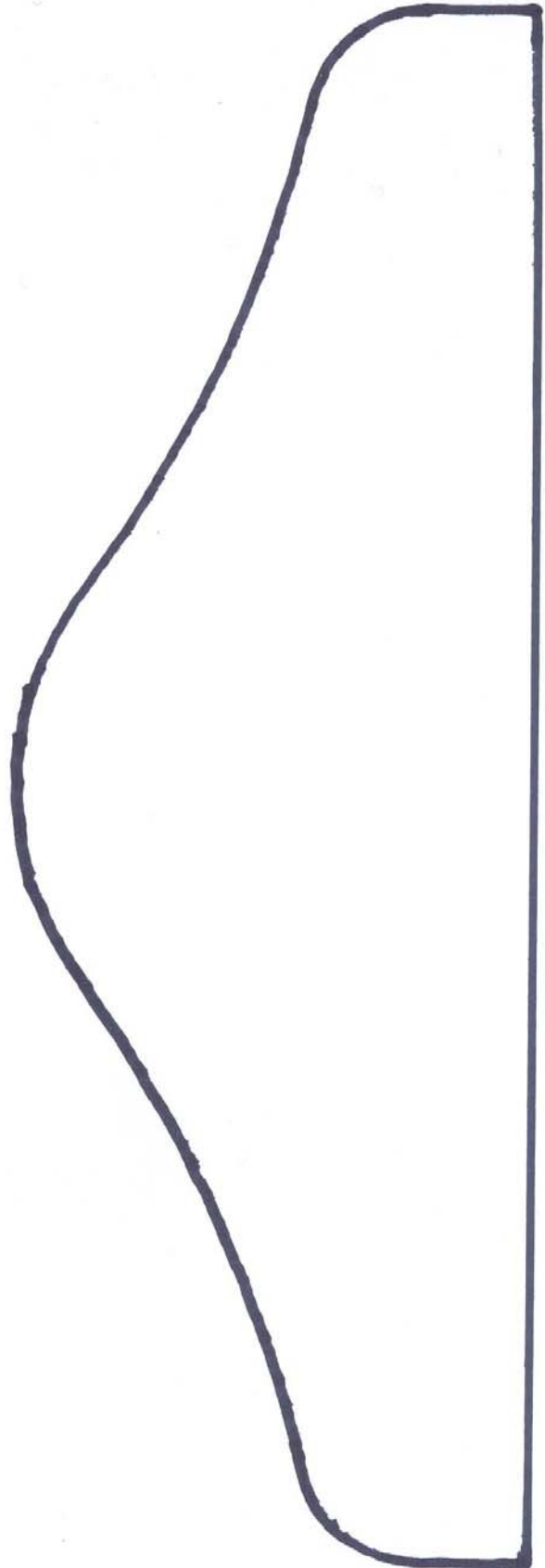
	<p>Extensions and Additional Resource: More information about Benjamin Franklin can be found at : http://www.imahero.com/herohistory/ben_herohistory.htm http://bensguide.gpo.gov/benfranklin/index.html</p> <p>Students can make a tri-cornered hat that is similar to the one Benjamin Franklin wore. A tri-cornered hat template is attached.</p>

Colonial Tri-Corner Hat

You will need:

- Pattern
- Black construction paper or cardboard
- Scissors
- Stapler

Use the pattern at the right to make three sides of the hat by tracing the outline onto the construction paper or cardboard. Cut out the three sides and form a triangle. Staple the edges together where each side meets. The hat sits around the wearer's head like a headband. The closer the staples are to the edges, the bigger the hat.



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