

# BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



**STATE** - Pennsylvania

**AGE** - 70 (Born: 1/17/1706)

**HOME** - Boston, Massachusetts

**FAMILY** - 1 Marriage, 3 Children

**EDUCATION** - Self-Taught

**JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS** - Printer, Inventor, Postmaster

**WHAT HE IS LIKE** - Clever, Fun-loving, Party Animal

**Where to find him in Philadelphia** - On the town or flying kites

**BEFORE THE CONGRESS** Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston but ran away to Philadelphia where he became a successful printer. Ben was interested in many things especially inventing. He wrote a series of articles giving advice called "Poor Richard's Almanac." Ben lived in England for a while and decided to support the Independence Movement and returned to America.

**AT THE CONGRESS** Benjamin Franklin served on the committee that drafted the Declaration of Independence. When he finished signing, he said: "Gentleman, we must now all hang together, or we shall most assuredly all hang separately."

**DATE OF DEATH** 4/17/1790, (84 Years Old)

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**CONGRESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:** You like Thomas Jefferson's Draft of the Declaration of Independence. However, when delegates object to the passage in the Declaration that talks badly of the British People and others object to the passage that is critical of slavery, you agree to take the two passages out of Jefferson's Draft of the Declaration.

**FINAL VOTING:** When the final vote is called to accept the Declaration of Independence you stand and say: *I, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

**AT THE SIGNING:** After signing the Declaration of Independence you say: *Gentleman, we must now all HANG TOGETHER, or we shall most assuredly all HANG SEPARATELY.*

A cursive signature of Benjamin Franklin in green ink, featuring a large, ornate flourish at the end.