**A brief biographical sketch   
of Ben Franklin:**

• Born in Boston in 1706 • Self-educated

• As a teenager, studied printing in his brother’s newspaper shop

• Independent, he went off on his own to Philadelphia

• Became a printer and a civic leader

• After retirement (at 42), invented the lightning rod, bifocal lenses; discovered electricity

• Worked extensively in public affairs • Died in 1790

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Aphorisms by Franklin from *Poor Richard’s Almanack*:

• To err is human, to repent divine; to persist devilish.

• At the working man’s house hunger looks in, but dares not enter.

• There are no ugly loves, nor handsome prisons.

• Love your Neighbor; yet don’t pull down your Hedge.

• No gains without pains.

• Beware of little Expenses: a small Leak will sink a great ship.

• Fish and Visitors stink after three days.

• God helps them that help themselves.

• What you would seem to be, be really.

•He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals.

• Dost thou love Life? Then do not squander Time; for that’s the Stuff Life is made of.

• The Cat in Gloves catches no Mice.

• You may be too cunning for One, but not for All.

• Keep thy shop, and thy shop will keep thee.

• A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

• A slip of the foot you may soon recover, but a slip of the tongue you may never get over.

• An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

• Three may keep a secret if two of them are dead.

• He that lieth down with dogs shall rise up with fleas.