Benjamin Franklin

The Making of a Revolutionary

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1) Was Benjamin Franklin flirtatious with young women? What actions did he take to prove this?

2) Who was Katherine Ray?

3) Did Franklin and his wife (Deborah) have a close relationship? Explain what the married couple lacked compared to most other married couples.

4) Why did Franklin go to London in 1757?

5) What was Benjamin Franklin and his son William Franklin’s relationship like?

6) Was William Franklin overwhelmed by the London? What was the result in his father’s opinion of William and what London was doing to him?

7) Who established the Colony of Pennsylvania? What family did not pay taxes in Pennsylvania?

8) What was the dispute between Thomas Penn and Benjamin Franklin? Who ultimately wins this argument?

9) Was Benjamin Franklin born wealthy or was he a self-made man?

10) Was Benjamin Franklin able to relate to people from all levels of society? If so how? What was he able to convince King George III to do?

11) Is William Franklin like his father or does he start to stray from his families beliefs?

12) What is Gout? Who gets Gout?

13) What was the Stamp Tax?

14) What was Benjamin Franklin blamed for by some colonists? What group of people blamed Franklin for this Tax? Why would this group blame him?

15) Is Franklin able to get the Stamp Tax overturned? Does this make him ever more popular in the colonies?

16) Who does Benjamin Franklin write his Biography as a letter to?

17) What was the “American Dream” in Benjamin Franklin’s eyes? Is this American Dream still alive today?

18) What does Benjamin Franklin do to the Governor of Massachusetts (Thomas Hutchinson) in order to try and save the Empire of Great Britain? How does this effect Benjamin Franklin with the King of England?

19) In 1774 when Franklin was called in front of the Kings Council what happened? Does this end Franklin’s loyalty to the British Crown?

20) Was Franklin with Deborah when she Dies in 1775? Where was he?

21) How does Franklin discover the Gulf Stream?

22) When does the Revolutionary War begin?

23) Did Franklin and his son see eye to eye at the beginning of the Revolutionary War? What were their beliefs? How different were they?

24) When sides are chosen between Benjamin and William Franklin (America and Britain) who do they side with?

25) Does Franklin feel betrayed by his son William? Does Benjamin Franklin feel America need a King?

26) As Benjamin Franklin is helping write the Declaration of Independence what happens to his son William?

27) Does Benjamin Franklin leave anything to his son William in his estate? Why or why not?

28) How would you describe Benjamin Franklin as a family man?

29) What document does Benjamin Franklin sign that makes his a fugitive of the law to the Kingdom of Great Britain?

30) Does Benjamin Franklin change greatly in 20 years from 1757 to 1776? Explain how.