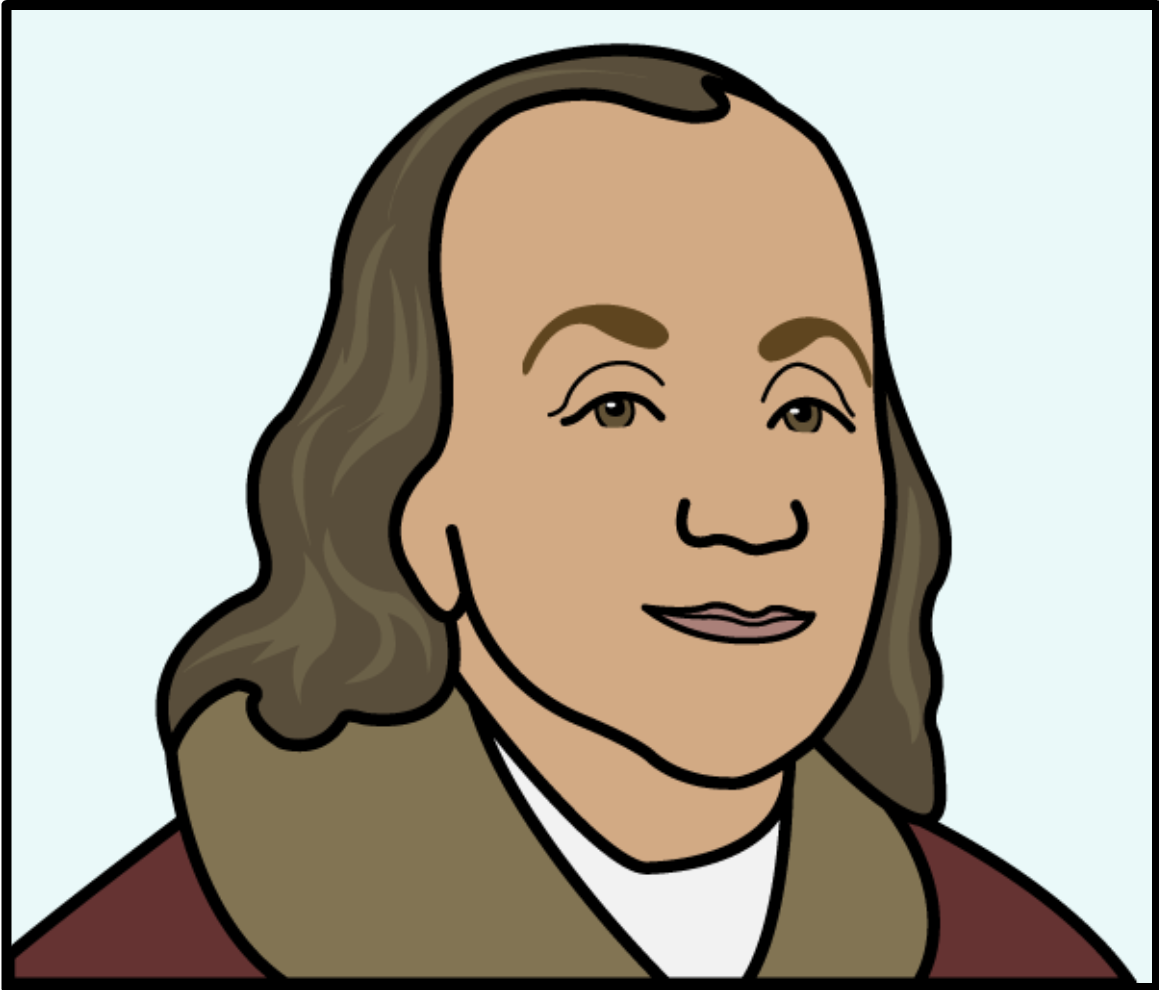


Who Was Ben Franklin?



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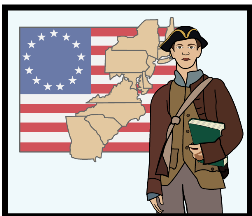
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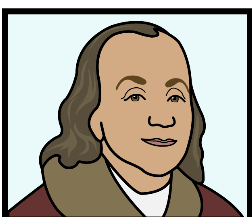
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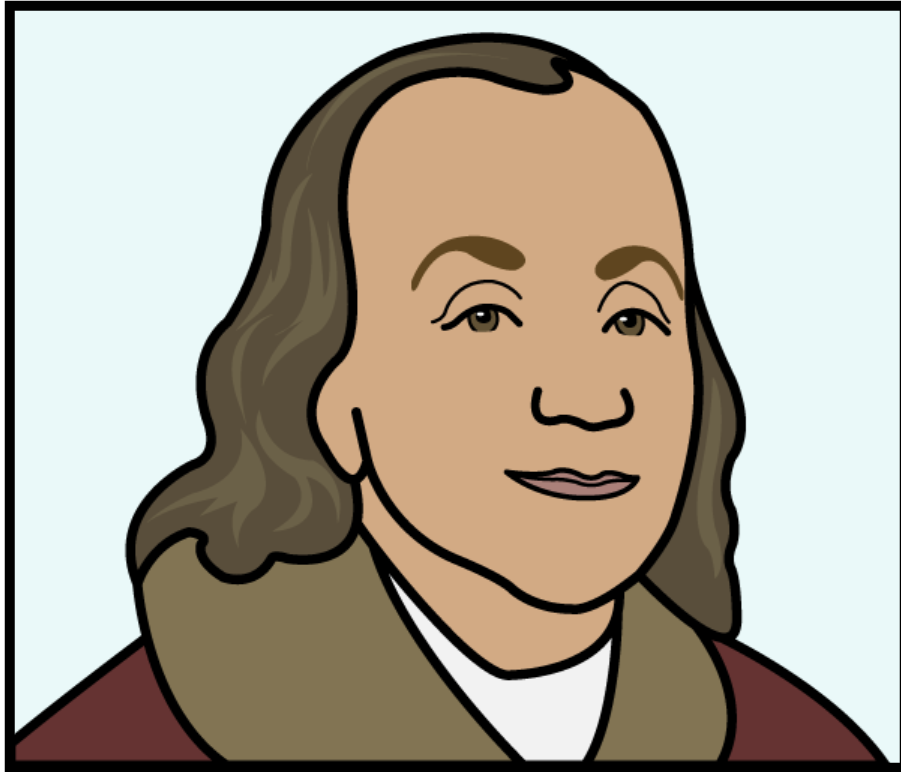


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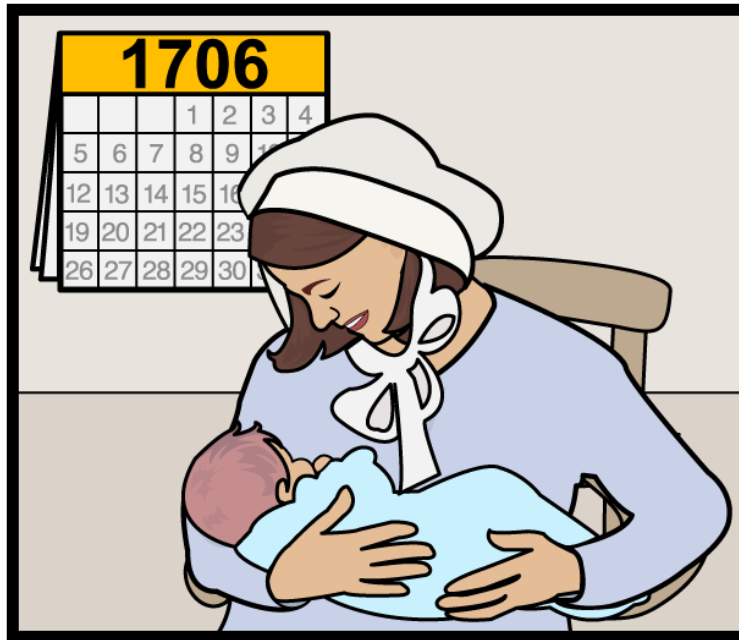
Ben Franklin As a Boy





Benjamin Franklin was one of the men who started the United States of America. He was a writer, an inventor and a scientist. Let's learn more about Ben Franklin.

What is an inventor?



Benjamin Franklin was born on January 17, 1706. Ben was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He was born long before the United States was a country. The people lived in areas called colonies. The colonies were run by the king of Great Britain.

Where was Ben born?

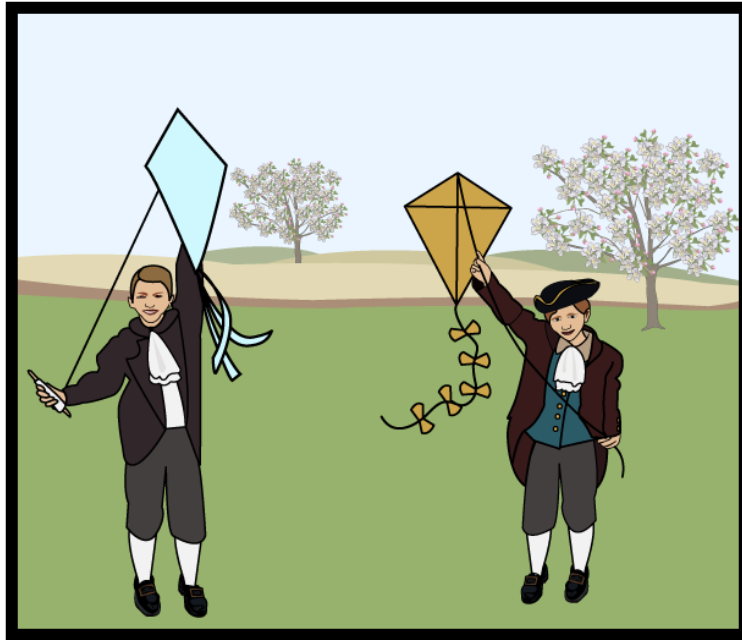


Ben grew up in Boston. He lived in a wooden house on Milk Street with his family. Ben had a very big family.

There were 17 children in Ben's family.

He had 9 brothers and 7 sisters. He was one of the youngest children.

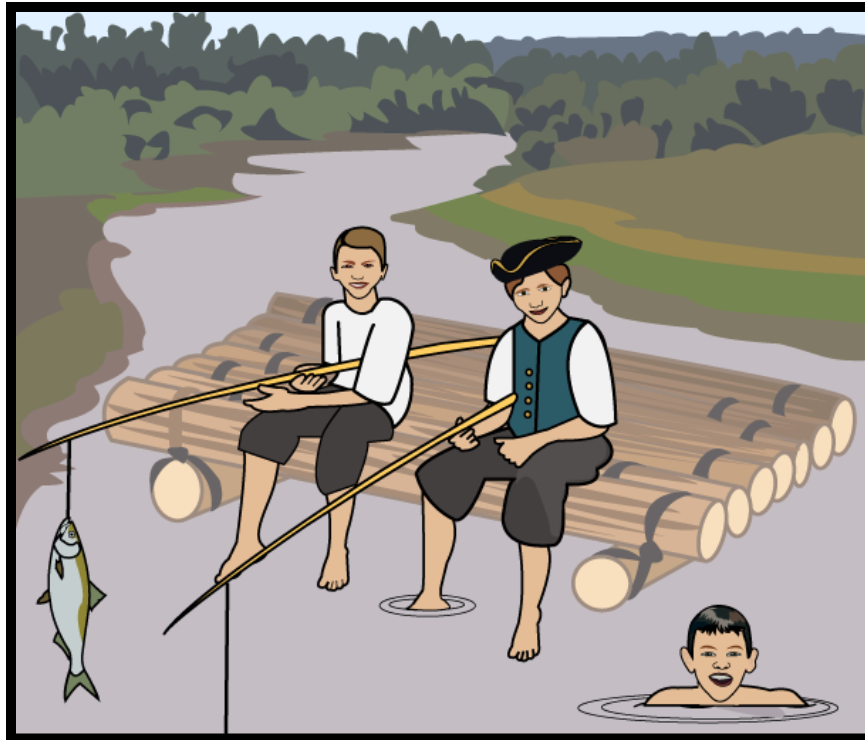
How many brothers and sisters did Ben have?



Ben liked to play with his friends.

Ben played tag and hide-and-seek. Ben and his friends flew kites in a field. Ben liked to fly kites. He liked to watch the wind move things in the air. Ben used a kite to pull him in the water while he was swimming.

What did Ben like to do with his friends?



Ben and his friends spent time on the river near Boston. They liked to ride on rafts and go fishing. Best of all, Ben liked to swim in the river. He built wooden paddles for his hands. This helped him swim faster.

Compare what Ben did with his friends to what friends do today.



Long ago, many children did not go to school. Ben did not go to school until he was 8 years old. Ben wanted to go to school. Ben saved his money so he could buy books. Ben wanted to learn to read. Ben wanted to learn to write. He loved to learn.

Why did Ben save his money?



When Ben was 10 years old, his dad said Ben had to get a job. Ben had to quit school. Ben worked for his dad in his store. Ben learned to make candles. Ben learned to make soap.

What jobs did Ben do for his dad?



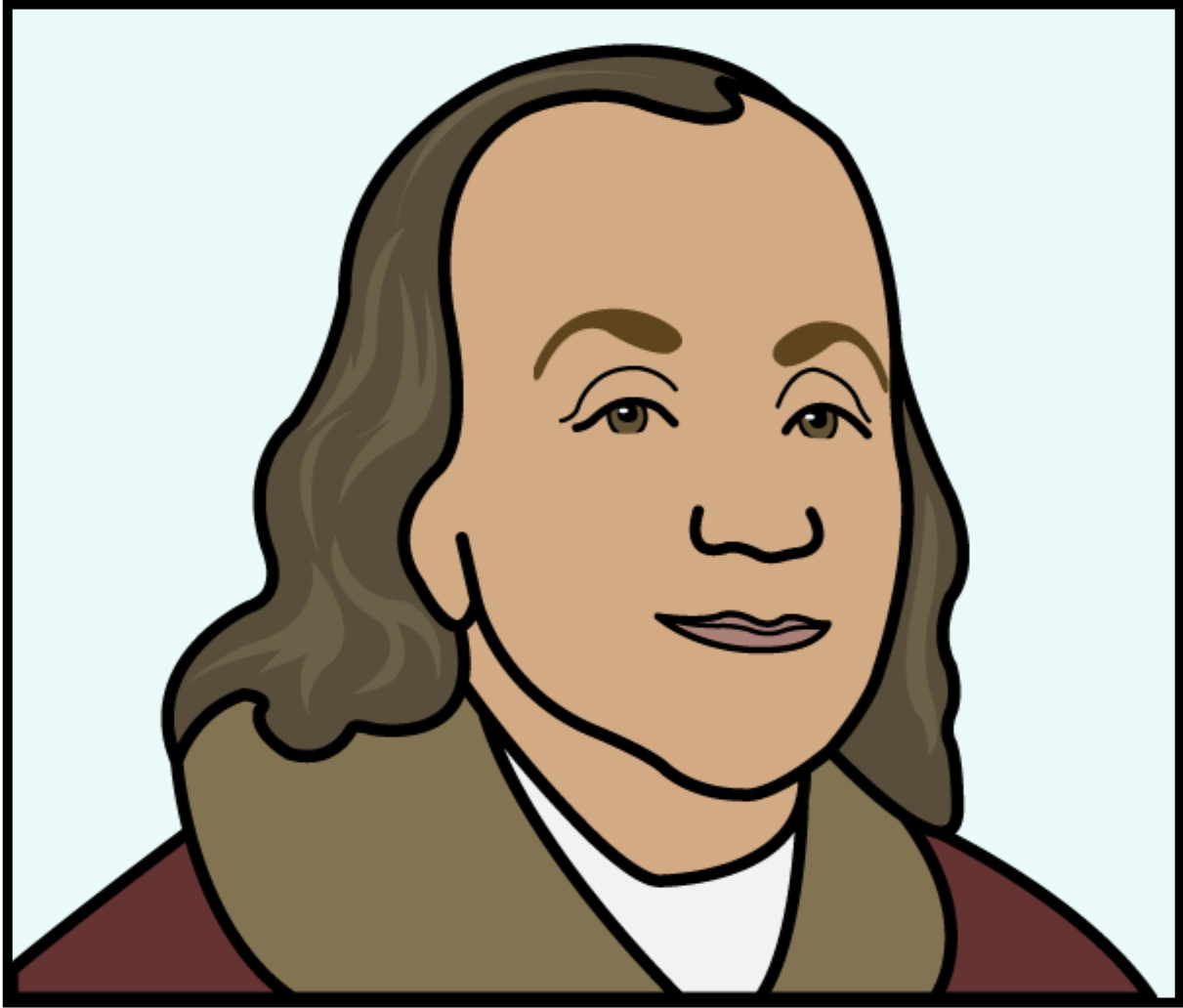
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What kinds of jobs do you think Ben wanted to do?

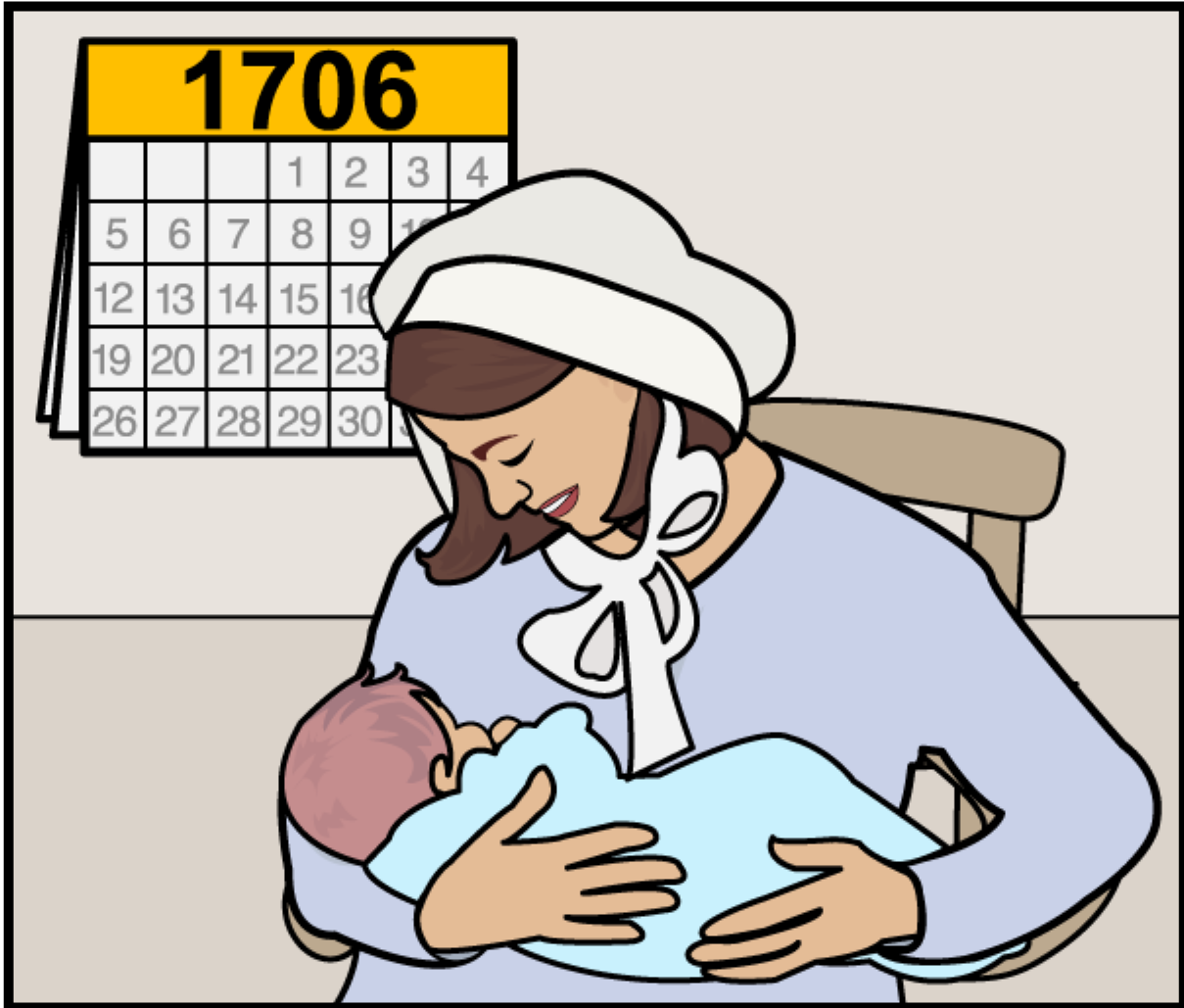
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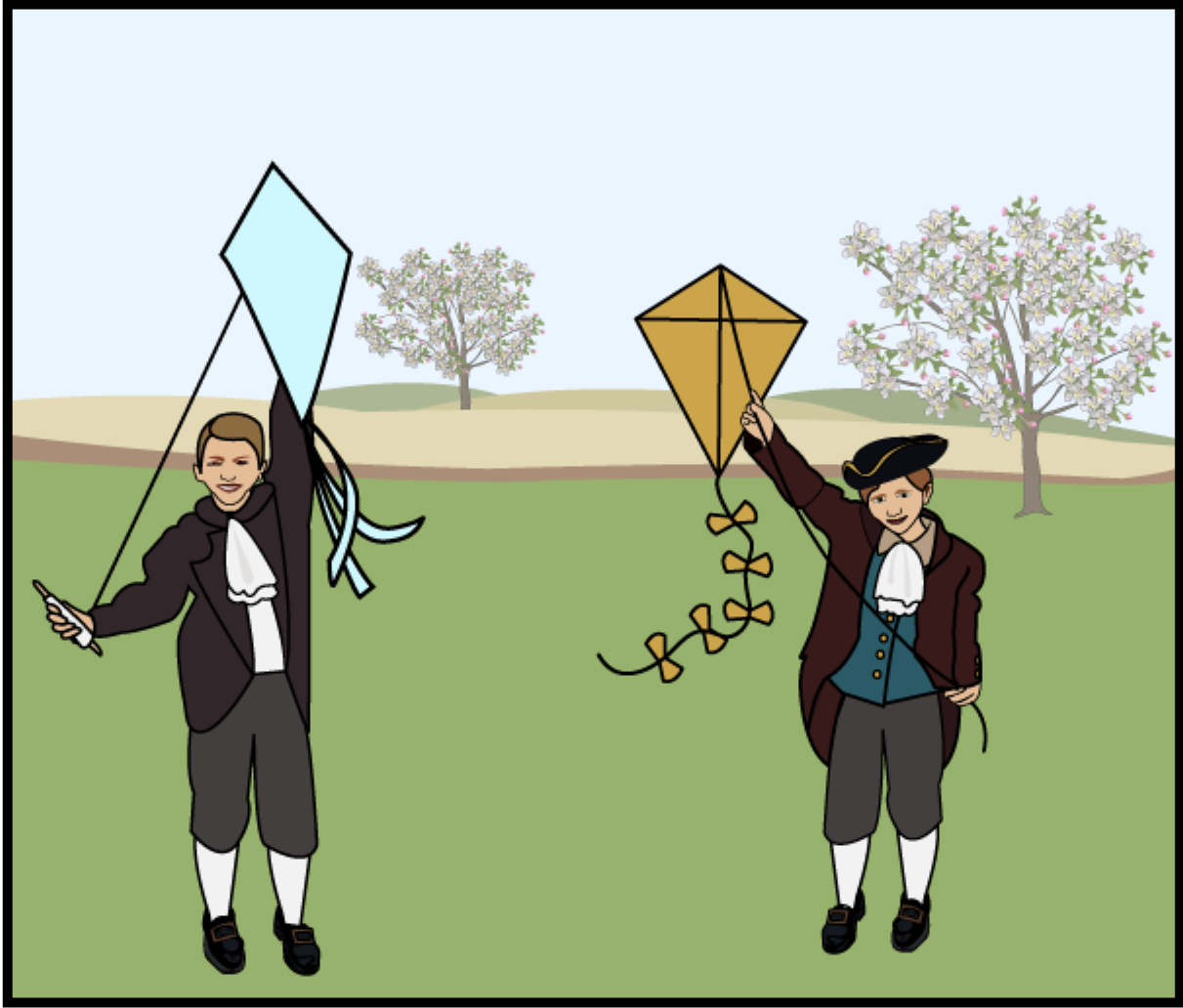
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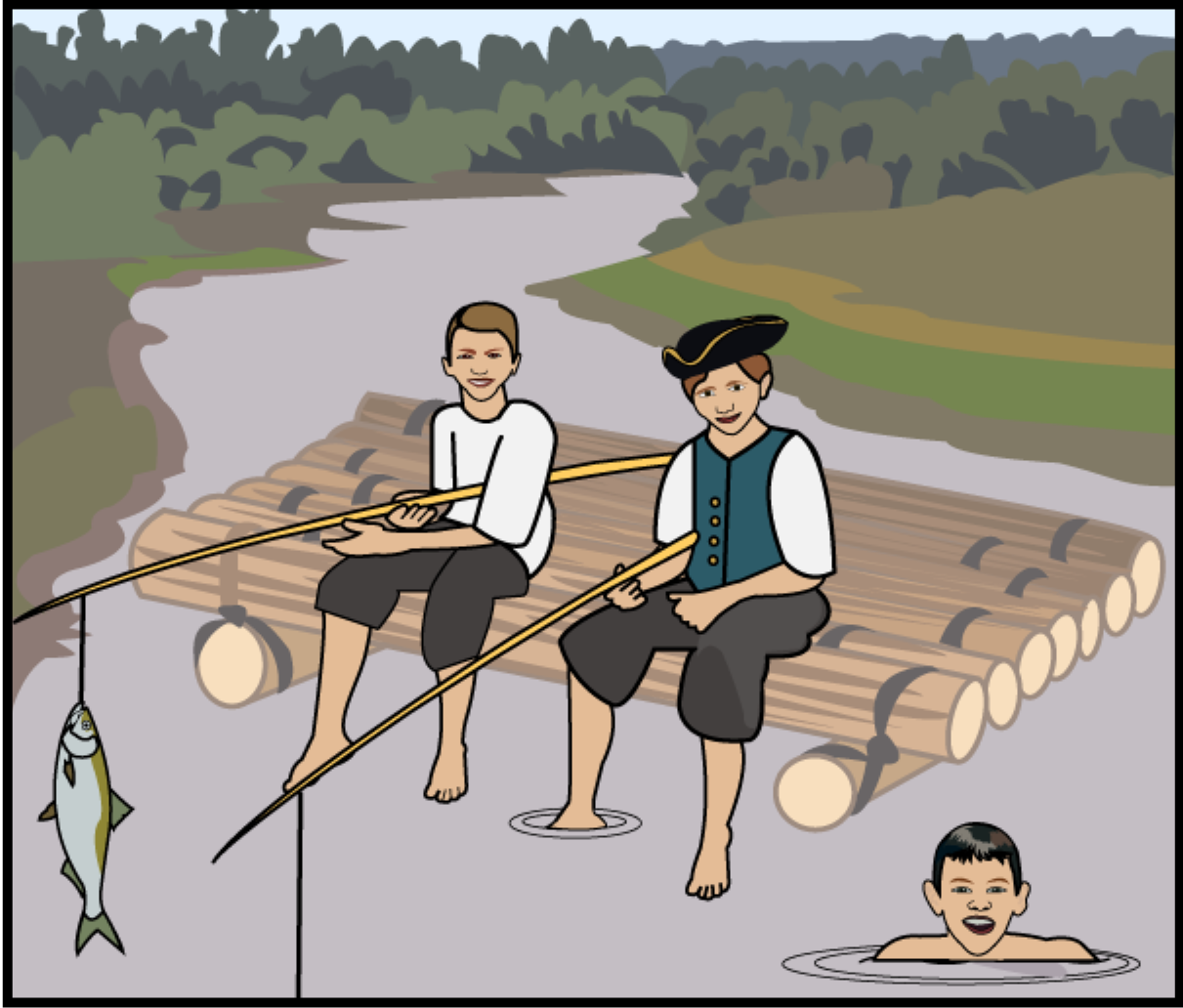


Ben lived in a wooden house.

**He had a big family. He had 16
brothers and sisters.**



**Ben liked to play with his friends.
They liked to fly kites. Ben used
a kite to pull him in the water.**



Ben and his friends liked to ride on rafts in the river. Ben liked to swim.



Ben went to school when he was 8 years old. He wanted to learn to read and write.



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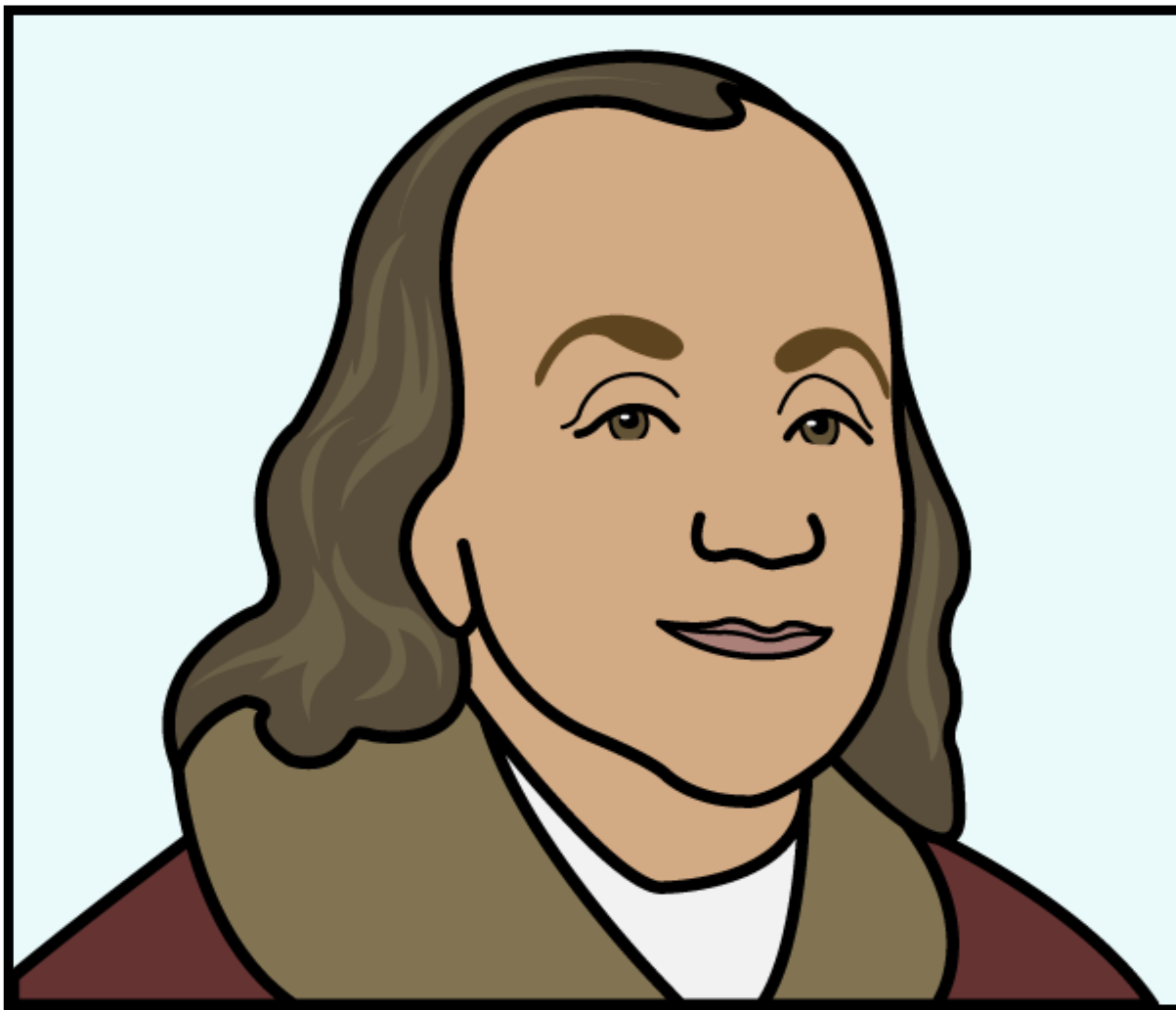


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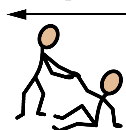
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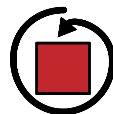
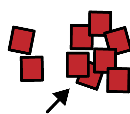


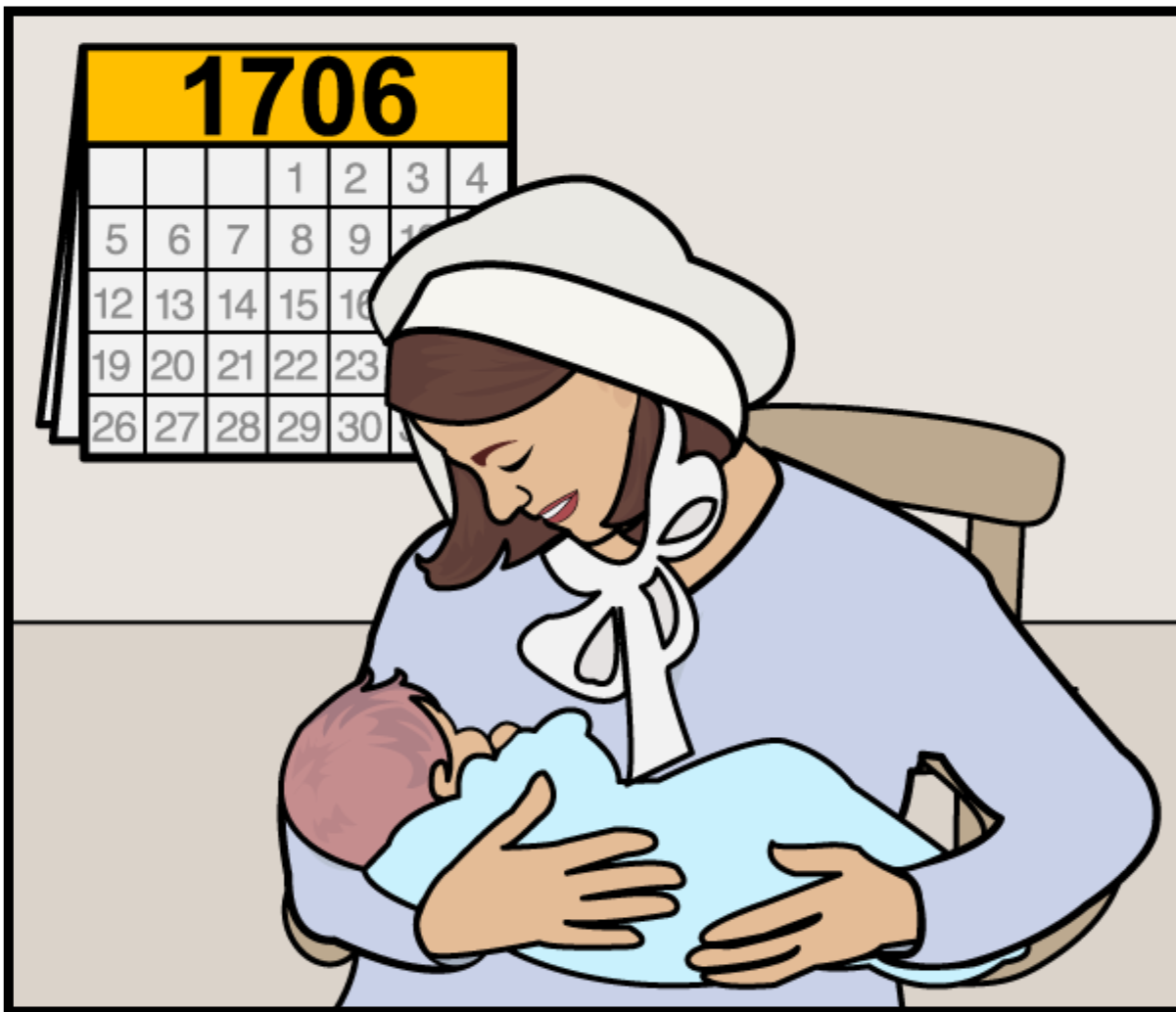


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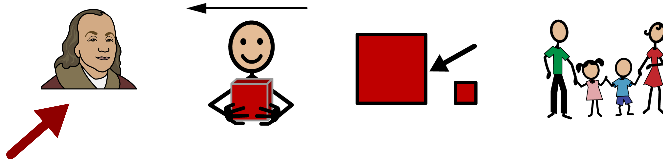




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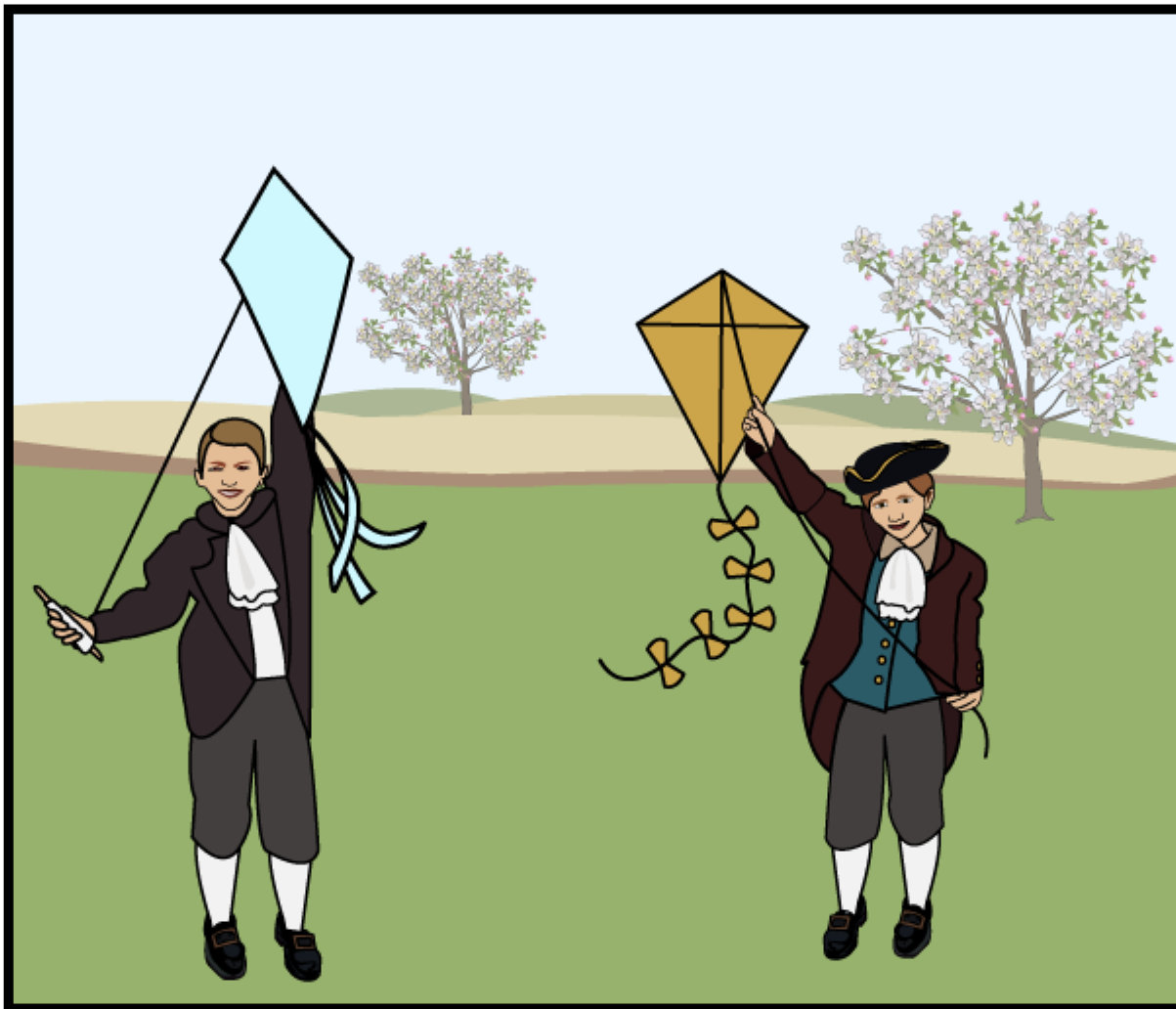


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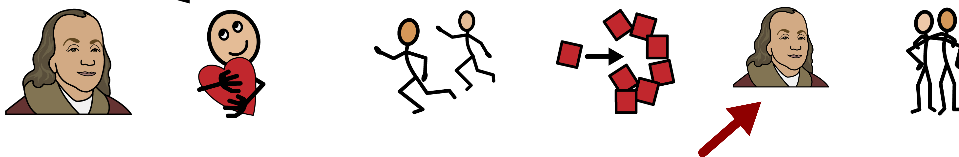


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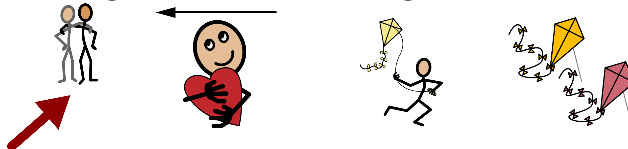




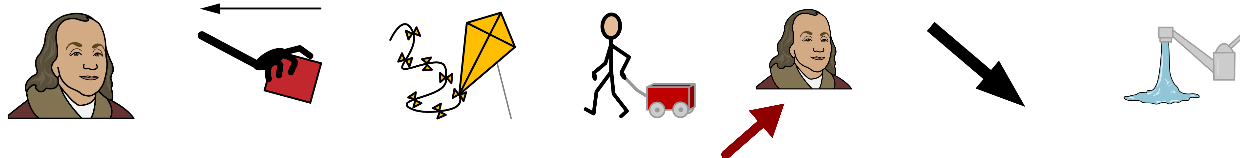
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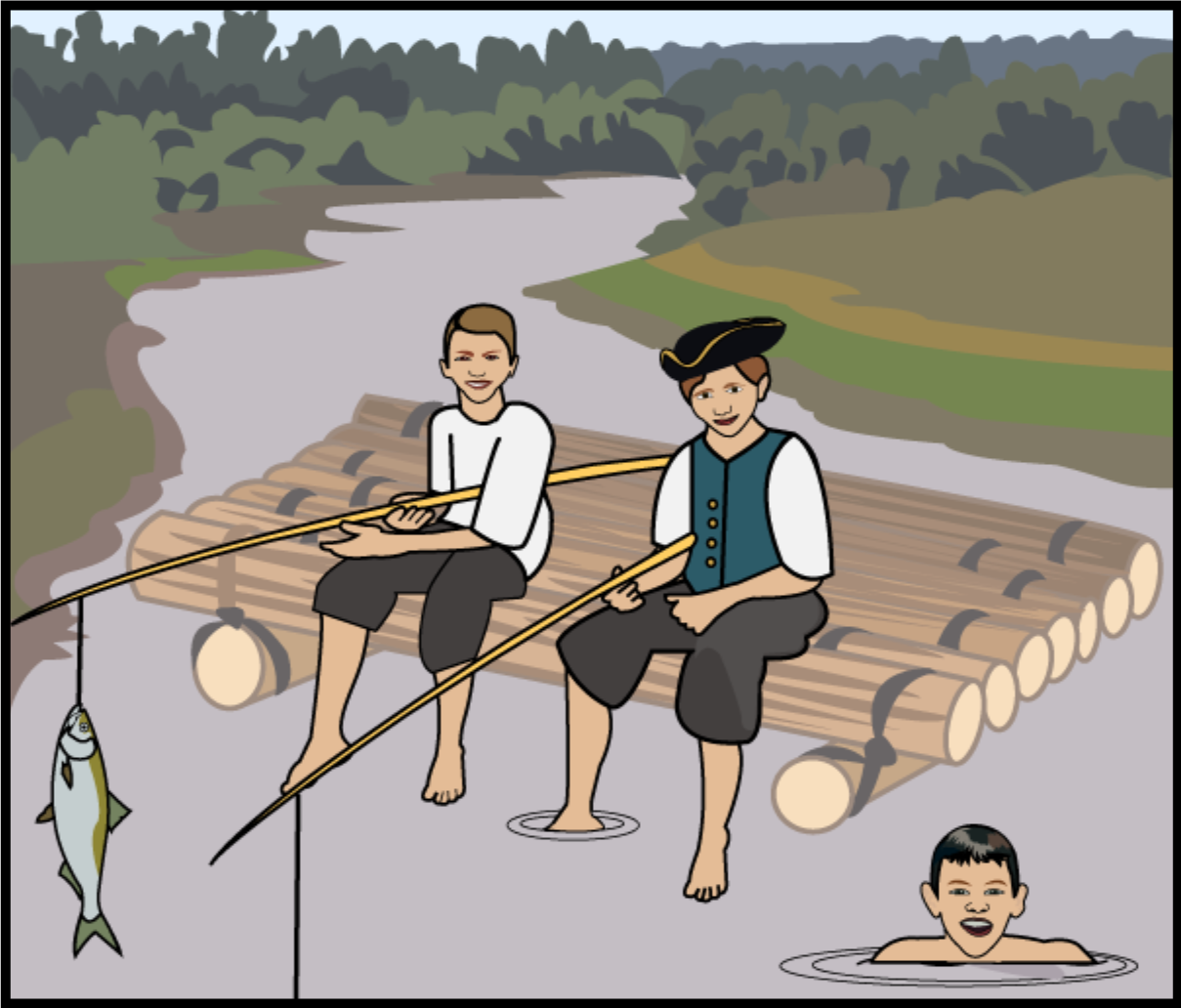


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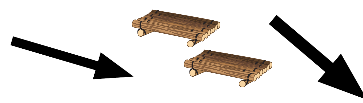




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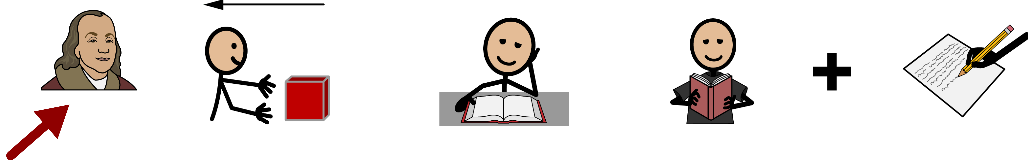




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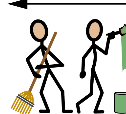
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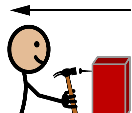
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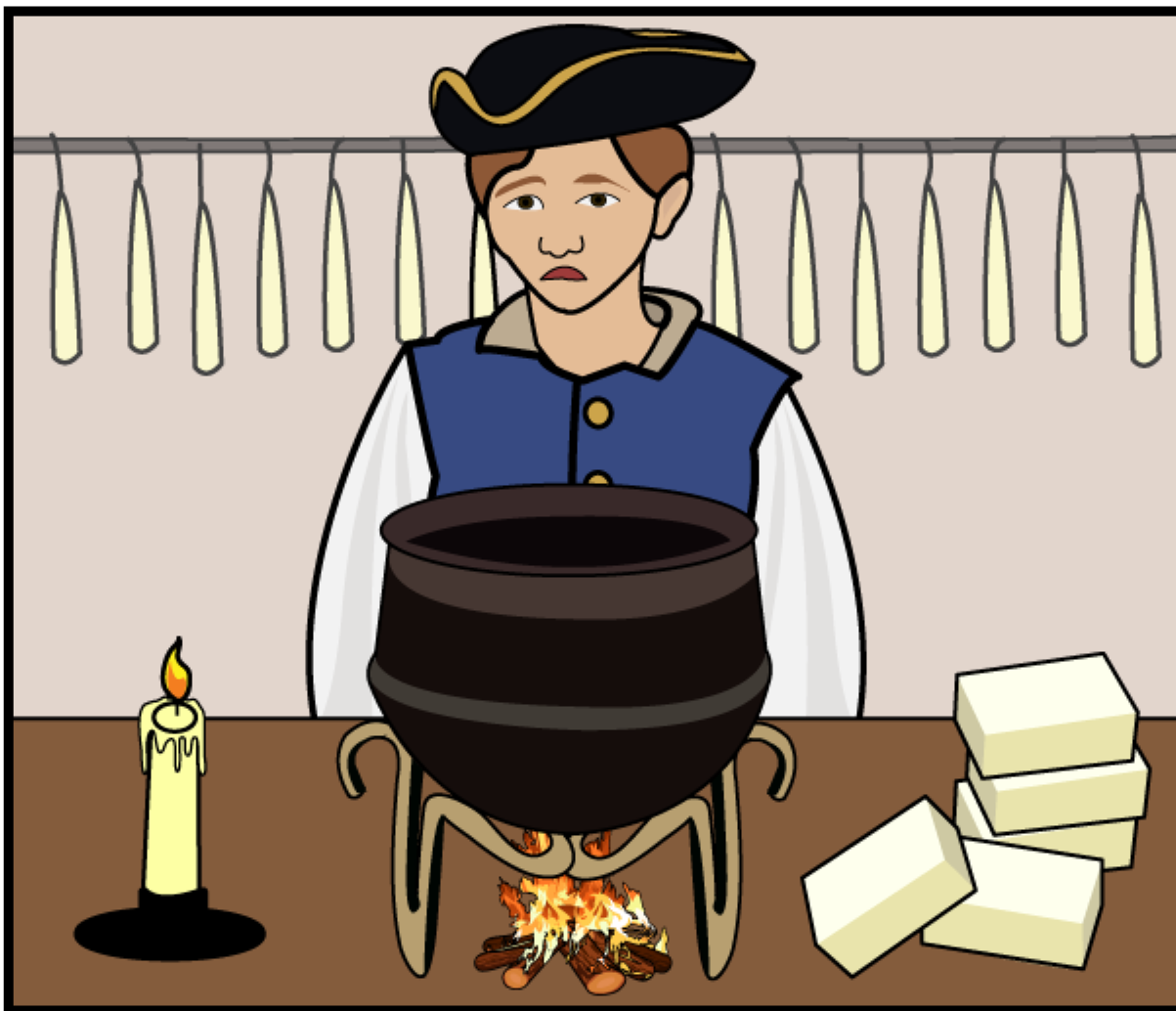
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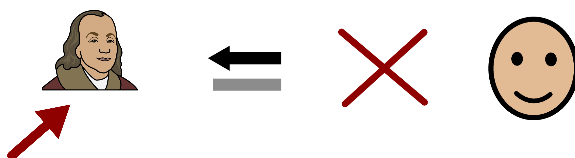




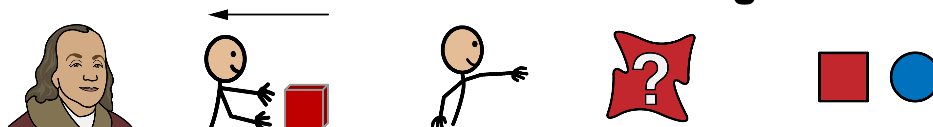
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