

SECOND GRADE FIELD TRIP: Overview

We begin our journey by discussing what it means to leave a legacy, in fact, the town we are in today is part of someone's legacy! Franklin, TN is named in honor of Benjamin Franklin.

Students will brainstorm what they already know about Ben Franklin. Once we are done brainstorming, we will put our knowledge to the test in an interactive and educational trivia game. ...be careful of those tricky questions!

Following the trivia, we will create a timeline of Benjamin Franklin's life according to his age rather than the year to make it more relative to second graders. After looking at his life, we will look at how his problem solving paved the way for some of the modern technology we use today. For example, Poor Richard's Almanac was first published in 1732 and its modern counterpart, the iPhone, was first introduced in 2007. Now we are on iPhone 16!

Next students will do a "gallery walk" to explore more about Benjamin Franklin's contributions to society.

After taking in all that we learned, students are challenged to ponder on adjectives that describe Ben Franklin. What are some lessons we can learn from his life? Do you think he left a good legacy? How can you leave a legacy?

We hope that this discussion will nurture students' creativity, innovation, and passion.

Educators will have access to a downloadable PowerPoint following the program to continue discussion questions in the classroom. Students will be given famous sayings from Poor Richard's Almanac and discover the underlying message.