Lesson Plan Summary
Magic Tree House #32: To the Future, Ben Franklin

“A Man of Many Talents”

Multi-Use Bookmark

EACH STUDENT WILL:

- Read and discuss *To the Future Ben Franklin* and Fact Tracker *Benjamin Franklin* and create an interactive bookmark.

- Using a book hunt format, students will begin to explore Benjamin Franklin’s contributions to our country’s history as well as inventions that have made a tremendous affect on our daily lives today.

- Research facts about Benjamin Franklin’s life and his contributions.

- Create a timeline of Benjamin Franklin’s inventions and contributions.

COMMON CORE STANDARDS ADDRESSED:

READING:

- KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS (RI2.1, RI3.1, RI4.1)
  Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.

- FLUENCY (RF2.4, RF3.4, RF4.4)
  Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
  Read on-level text with purpose and understanding.
  Read on-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.
  Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

WRITING:

- Text Type and Purposes (Literacy.W.3.2.B)
  Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.

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Benjamin Franklin contributed as a writer, inventor, scientist, peacemaker, leader, and a Founding Father of America. This project will allow the students to participate in various activities which reflect the personality and genius of this American hero.
Materials Needed

- Copies of the book *To the Future, Ben Franklin* and the *Benjamin Franklin* Fact Tracker
- Colored Pencil
- Copies of bookmarks (3 to a page), in the appendix
- Copies of lined paper for back of bookmarks, in appendix

Procedure

- Copy bookmarks on white cardstock. There are corresponding lined papers to paste on the back of the bookmarks for note taking or whatever activity you choose.

- Students color the bookmarks and paste lined paper on the back to get ready for the note taking activity.

- Suggested activity ideas for back of bookmark:
  
  - Jot down interesting facts
  
  - Keep track of inventions
  
  - If using the crossword puzzle, teacher can give the list of crossword vocabulary, ahead of time, to find the definition
  
  - Make a timeline
Appendix

- **Bookmark front** (3 to a page)
- **Writing paper** (for back of bookmark, 3 to a page)