

Frontier Grant Lesson Plan

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Topic: Benjamin Franklin **Cold Case #1706-1790**

Subject & Grade: Social Studies 2nd grade

Lesson Duration:

State Social Studies Standards:

Standard 4: Civics and Government

Goal 4.3: Build an understanding that all people in the United States have rights and assume responsibilities

- ✓ 2.SS.4.3.2- Name historic and contemporary people who model characteristics of good citizenship

Essential Questions: How did Benjamin Franklin affect the development of our country? Is he one of our most famous Americans?

Lesson Objectives:

- ✓ The students will be able to describe the many accomplishments of Benjamin Franklin and decide for themselves if he is one of the most important American History figures.
- ✓ The students will be able to describe how Ben Franklin affected the development of the United States politically, economically and socially.

Instructional Model: The students will be divided into small groups. Each group will be given a cold case file to solve using the computer web-sites and books. They will be asked to share their information using their choice of a project; slide show, reenactment, poster.

Assessment: Will depend on what each child decides to do. Each student, along with the teacher, will create a check-list of what is needed for their project. A general rubric can be used to evaluate the project.