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How did a ten year old school drop-out become the first person to be honored on a United States postage stamp? (see picture at left) Was it because he embodied all the things we Americans value (thrift, hard work, education, community spirit) or was it because he was a scientist, inventor, statesman, printer, author and politician all rolled up into one? Perhaps it was because he signed an "electrifying" and important American document and was a "key" player in the American Revolution? Perhaps he was honored simply because he started the United States Post Office. Who was this man? What were his many accomplishments? How did these accomplishments affect the development of our country? Could he be considered one of the most famous Americans that ever lived? You decide.