



Benjamin Franklin Cloze Reading

Instructions: Use your contextual vocabulary skills to fill in the blanks with the words from the word bank.

Word Bank:

established figures filled forever harnessed Numerous
predictions probably proving successful

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ANSWERS

Benjamin Franklin was one of the most fascinating and accomplished **figures** in American history. Ben Franklin was not just a famous ambassador, he was an extremely **successful** business person, philanthropist, and inventor. Although Franklin is **probably** best known for **proving** electricity could be **harnessed** from lightning (the kite and key experiment), he also **established** America's first library, invented bifocal glasses, the lightning rod and the Franklin Stove. He founded Poor Richard's Almanac, a book **filled** with **predictions** and wise sayings. The saying, "A penny saved is a penny earned" first came from Franklin's pen. Franklin also established the American Philosophical Society and the Pennsylvania Hospital. Ben Franklin is memorialized **forever** on the front of the one hundred dollar bill. **Numerous** museums, highways, schools, and businesses and buildings bear his name as well.