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Who invented the lightning rod?

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston. His father was a soap and candle maker. From childhood, he enjoyed reading, writing, and collecting books.

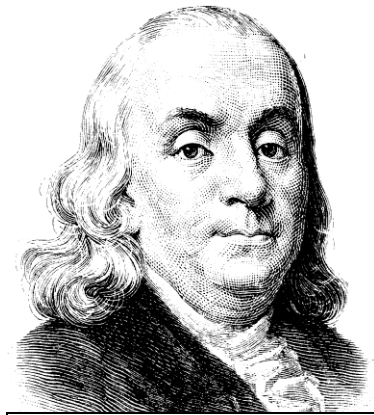
At the age of 13, he began working in the print shop of his brother. At age 22, he had his own printing press, and published the Pennsylvania Gazette newspaper. After retiring from the printing business, he devoted his time to inventing things like the Franklin Furnace and bifocals. He was interested in electricity, which led him to invent the lightning rod.

Franklin participated in the writing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States, and he is considered one of the Founding Fathers.

His portrait appears on the 100 dollar bill. For this reason, the bills are called "Benjamins" or "Franklins."

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. Where was Benjamin Franklin born?
 - a. Delaware
 - b. Boston
 - c. Arizona
 - d. Maryland
2. Which was an invention of Benjamin Franklin?
 - a. the telephone
 - b. the printing press
 - c. the lightning rod
 - d. the telescope
3. Benjamin Franklin is considered one of the _____.
 - a. textile manufacturers
 - b. Founding Fathers
 - c. Fathers of the Printing Press
 - d. Fathers of Pennsylvania
4. Where does the portrait of Benjamin Franklin appear?
 - a. on the ten dollar bill
 - b. on the twenty dollar bill
 - c. on the five dollar bill
 - d. on the hundred dollar bill



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