

Ben and Me

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Characters:

Amos- Ben's mouse that deserves most of the credit for all of Ben's success. Lives in Ben's hat. Agreed to help Ben if Ben gave him food for his family.

Benjamin Franklin- The man that many revered as a genius but just got his information from the mouse that lived in his hat.

Thomas Jefferson- The Revolutionary in one of Ben's committees. Wrote the Declaration of Independence.

Red- Came in the saddlebag of Thomas Jefferson. Originally wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence. Was furious when it was written and the word man replaced the word mouse.

George Washington- A magnificent figure of a man and soldier who grew wheat of superb quality at Mount Vernon.

Madame Helvetius- Woman that Ben dined with in France. Has cats.

Madame Brillon- The woman that Ben dined with after he stopped dining with Madame Helvetius. Had a mouse named Sophia.

Sophia- The mouse that lived in Madame Brillon's headdress. Came from the Court of Versailles.

Questions:

1. What was the name of the mouse child that started with the letter "B"? Bathsheba
2. What year did Amos move out of his house and go to live with Ben? 1745
3. What was Ben doing when Amos first saw him? Sneezing
4. What was the first Maxim that Benjamin Franklin uttered in this story? Waste not, want not
5. What did Franklin put under the fireplace in the middle of the room? Sand and bricks
6. Did The new fireplace that Amos and Ben make work? Yes
7. What did Ben agree to do for Amos if Amos helped him and gave him advice? Send to the Vestry twice a week: 1 two-ounce piece best quality cheese, 1 one-inch slice Rye Bread fresh, 88 grains unhulled wheat. Allow him to live in his fur cap
8. What did Amos and Ben call the stove they made? The Franklin Stove
9. What did Ben always wear? The fur cap that Amos lived in
10. What sport did Ben enjoy? Swimming
11. How long did Ben chase the dog that he believed held Amos? A quarter- hour
12. What was one of Ben's chief interests? printing

13. How did Ben know that Amos was safe after the dog grabbed his hat? Amos bit his thumb
14. What Maxim did Ben promise to delete from the Poor Richard's Almanack? The cat in gloves catches no mice
15. Where did Amos stay for two days after he wrote the name Amos in the Almanack as apposed to Poor Richard? Under the deepest pile of litter
16. Who did Ben use for his experiments on electricity? Amos
17. What did Ben form for the people who loved electricity? The Philosophical Society
18. What happened when Ben turned the knob of his electricity experiment? The Governor shot into the air
19. What did Ben wonder after the Electrical Exhibition? If lightning and electricity were the same thing
20. Who did the scientific writer give credit to for inventing the lightning rod? Benjamin Franklin
21. Did Ben agree with the fact that he had invented the lightning rod? No
22. What was Ben's favrite form of relaxation? Kite- flying
23. What was on one of Ben's kite's? A platform for Amos to stand on
24. When was Ben going to sail to England? Dawn
25. Was Ben's mission in England a success? No
26. Besides Ben who else counted on the committee formed to write the Declaration of Independence? Thomas Jefferson
27. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted by congress? July fourth 1776
28. Did Ben get seasick on their voyage to France? No
29. Did Amos get seasick on their voyage to France? Yes
30. What was the name of Madame Brillon's mouse? Sophia
31. Did Ben want to leave Franc eonce their mission was complete? No
32. What mouse came from The U.S.A. to France? Red
33. What happened to Ben as he approached the King and Queen of France? Mice jumped out of him
34. How many of Amos' brother's married Sophia's children? Three
35. What did Ben get for his 81st birthday from Amos? A new cap

In What Book...

Did a mouse take credit for a man's work?

Did a mouse get seasick?

Did a man always wear his cap, even indoors?

Did a mouse have a family so large that each child had its own letter in the alphabet?

Was there a mouse named red