

Ben Franklin and His Kite

Wednesday, April 28, 2021



Grade Level: Time:

5th Grade 10:00 am
6th Grade 1:00 pm

Benjamin Franklin was America's scientist, inventor, politician, philanthropist and business man. He is best known as the only Founding Father who signed all three documents that freed America from Britain. Franklin is also credited with drafting the Declaration of Independence and the American Constitution, and he negotiated the Treaty of Paris which ended the Independence War against Britain.

Ben Franklin and His Kite is produced by Virginia REP on Tour and provides audiences with a glimpse in to the life of Benjamin Franklin, who was a culminating figure 1700's.

This performance will take students on an "enlightening" journey into the experiment that changed the course of history! Over 250 years ago, (in June of 1752, to be precise), Ben Franklin "shocked" the world with his discovery that lightning held electricity - and thus rendered scientists "thunderstruck"!

Benjamin Franklin proved by flying a kite that lightning was electricity and invented a rod to prevent it from hitting buildings. He also invented bifocal glasses, charted the Gulf Stream, invented a clean burning stove and proposed theories on the contagiousness of the common cold.



This entertaining and educational performance brings the history and science curriculum to life.

Curriculum Connections: Biography, Science, Language Arts, History, Public Speaking, Reading, Self-Esteem, Character Development, Visual & Performing Arts Education, & Communication Skills

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Performance Length: 50 Minutes with Q&A
Suggested Grade Levels: (1-8)
Teacher Guide Available: YES
Student Study Guide Available: YES
Artist Website: www.va-rep.org/tour