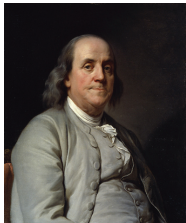


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*Reputation:* 9

*Impact:* 8

*Controversy:* 1

(1706 –1790) Author, inventor, politician and scientist. One of the founding father of the United States. Invented bifocal glasses and the lightning rod, and discovered that electrical charge can be neither created or destroyed (conservation of charge).