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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Why did Ben Franklin quit school at the age of ten?
 - Ⓐ He didn't like to study.
 - Ⓑ There were no schools near his home.
 - Ⓒ His family couldn't afford to pay for school.
 - Ⓓ He wanted to work in his brother's printing business.
2. What is an **apprentice**?
 - Ⓐ someone who writes essays
 - Ⓑ a publication that explains someone's opinion
 - Ⓒ a person who works for little pay to learn a trade
 - Ⓓ an invention Ben Franklin designed to print books
3. Which would be another good title for this book?
 - Ⓐ *An Inventor, Statesman, and More*
 - Ⓑ *A Man of Many Accomplishments*
 - Ⓒ *A Self-Made Man*
 - Ⓓ All of the above
4. Why didn't Ben start his own printing business when he first returned from London?
 - Ⓐ Ben's friend never sent the money to help him get started.
 - Ⓑ There was no printing equipment available in America.
 - Ⓒ He didn't know how to start a business.
 - Ⓓ His father refused to help him.
5. What is a **passion**?
 - Ⓐ a topic someone knows a lot about
 - Ⓑ an idea that is unknown to most people
 - Ⓒ an item a person has found that is ancient
 - Ⓓ something someone feels intensely interested in

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6. How did Ben trick his older brother, James?
 - Ⓐ He learned how to print books from another printer.
 - Ⓑ He snuck away from his job without James knowing.
 - Ⓒ He wrote letters to James, the editor, under a different name.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
7. How is this book an example of a biography?
 - Ⓐ It is about an inventor.
 - Ⓑ It tells about a person's life.
 - Ⓒ It describes how to become famous.
 - Ⓓ It is about history.
8. Why did Ben and his son fly a kite during a thunderstorm?
 - Ⓐ to see whether the kite could fly very high
 - Ⓑ to prove that lightning was electricity
 - Ⓒ to prove that storms traveled far
 - Ⓓ to send a signal to a friend
9. Why was Ben an important member of the Continental Congress?
 - Ⓐ He had enough money to support the members.
 - Ⓑ He was able to print the documents they created.
 - Ⓒ He knew how to write laws that helped the citizens.
 - Ⓓ He was able to help members come to agreements.
10. What is an **essay**?
 - Ⓐ a book written with directions for how to build something
 - Ⓑ a piece of writing that expresses an idea or opinion
 - Ⓒ a disagreement between two people
 - Ⓓ a lesson that someone learns
11. **Extended Response:** What do you think was Ben Franklin's most important accomplishment? Why?
12. **Extended Response:** Explain why Ben Franklin might not have wanted to get a patent for his invention of the lightning rod.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Ben Franklin

Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of a Biography

1. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓒ Vocabulary
3. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
4. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
5. Ⓓ Vocabulary
6. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
7. Ⓑ Elements of a Biography
8. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓓ Elements of a Biography
10. Ⓑ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary. Example:
I think Ben Franklin's most important accomplishment was the work he did to help write the U.S. Constitution because it is the foundation of the U.S. government even today.
12. Answers will likely mention the following idea: *He wanted this invention to be available to everyone because it would protect buildings and save lives.*