

Ben Franklin Study Questions, Part 1: Note, Outline, and Pages 1-8

Answer the following questions. To support your answers that require support, use direct quotations from the autobiography along with the page number from which you obtained the quotation.

1. Did Franklin want his autobiography to be made public?
2. When does Franklin begin writing and for whom does he write? (Quotation needed)
3. What is Franklin's birth date?
4. What did most of Franklin's brothers do (as was custom in the 18th century)?
5. Who are Franklin's parents? What does Franklin say in admiration of his father?

Ben Franklin Study Questions, Part 1: Pages 9-15

Answer the following questions as fully as necessary.

1. What profession did Josiah repeatedly dissuade Ben from?
2. Why did Ben independently study the Cocker's Book of Arithmetick?
3. What was significant about James's profession?
4. How did Ben submit articles to be published?
5. Did Ben enjoy working as an apprentice for his brother? Why or why not?
6. What conversation about women did Ben and John Collins have?

Ben Franklin Study Questions, Part 1: Pages 23-31

Answer the following questions as fully as necessary.

7. Ben visits his brother in Rhode Island and nearly falls victim to what/whom on his way to New York City?
8. What does Ben do to Collins when Collins refuses to take his turn at rowing the boat?
9. What does Collins fail to do before parting with Ben the final time?
10. What changes does Ben make in his diet during this reading selection?
11. During this time, Ben makes friends with Charles Osborne, Joseph Watson, and James Ralph. What do they all have in common?
12. Who will accompany Ben on his voyage to England?
13. What is Ben's primary reason for going to England?