

Dear Mr. Benjamin Franklin,

I have read and heard a lot about you and the different inventions that you have made. If I remember correctly you were born in Boston, Massachusetts in January 17, 1706 and come from a family of many brothers, of which you are the youngest. I am also the youngest son in my family, but my family is not as big as yours. I know that you stopped going to school when you were 10 to help your father work in his candle and soap shop and later went to work with your brother in his print shop. That must have been very difficult for you to do, but I bet you learned a lot from helping your father and brother. Besides these two jobs, I understand that you had many other jobs and skills such as being: an author, printer, political theorist, politician, postmaster, scientist, inventor, civic activist, firefighter volunteer, statesman, and diplomat. Since I was little I wanted to be a firefighter, so I find that part of your life of being a firefighter very interesting and brave, but out of all the things you have done, I think that your discovery of electricity is the thing that made you most famous of all.

Discovering electricity and the lightning rod has been a great contribution. It is amazing and weird that you came up with the idea of using a kite to reach the thundering clouds and lightning while tying a key to the kite as an electric conductor. I wonder if you ever felt fear of being electrocuted or dying while doing any of your experiments. Your invention of the lightning rod was also amazing because it prevented homes and buildings from getting struck by lightning and being burned down.

Some other things that you invented are very useful and creative, such as the bifocal glasses that have an upper and lower half. The upper half helping to see far distances and the lower half used for reading. I bet that invention was very handy for you because you read a lot, especially having your own library. I think one of your funniest inventions was the invention of

the swimming fins because they had a weird shape and were used on the hands instead of the feet. It was a great idea though. Another of your inventions that I like very much is the Glass Armonica because you use a combination of glass and water to make music. Even though the first time I saw it, I thought it looked like a sewing machine or a piano.

I heard that you wanted the national bird of the U.S. to be a turkey instead of the eagle, but I am glad that the turkey was not chosen because it would not look as cool and we would probably not have been able to eat turkey during Thanksgiving Day.

You are a very special person to me and a great example because you are not only a genius and great inventor, but you are a good person that likes to help people. You show your care for humanity by being one of the Founding Fathers of the U.S. and signing the Declaration of Independence that helped people be free and helped create some of the first hospitals. So, I think that putting your face on the 100-dollar bill was a great idea and that you deserve that honor.

I admire all your work and inventions and would like to be an inventor like you one day and invent something that helps everyone in the world, the way your discovery of electricity has helped us all.

Sincerely,

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