

- 1) In what way is Franklin's Autobiography a representative text of the Enlightenment?
- 2) Suppose someone said, "Franklin's Autobiography is a distinctly American text." Why might they say that? Or does saying that make no sense?
- 3) What is Franklin's announced purpose in writing the Autobiography?
- 4) How is the Benjamin Franklin who presented to us in the biography distinctly "American?"
- 5) Are Franklin's values different from our/your own? How so?
- 6) Imagine Franklin were able to visit contemporary America. Based on your reading, do you think Franklin would approve of what we have become? Why or why not?
- 7) What was/is deism?
- 8) Compare and contrast Franklin's Autobiography with the Declaration of Independence.