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# Poor Richard *(cont.)*

6. One today is worth... \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Great talkers, little... \_\_\_\_\_

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8. A cat in gloves catches... \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Well done is better than... \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Better slip with foot than... \_\_\_\_\_

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### *Internet Extender*

#### **The World of Benjamin Franklin**

<http://sln.fi.edu/franklin/rotten.html>

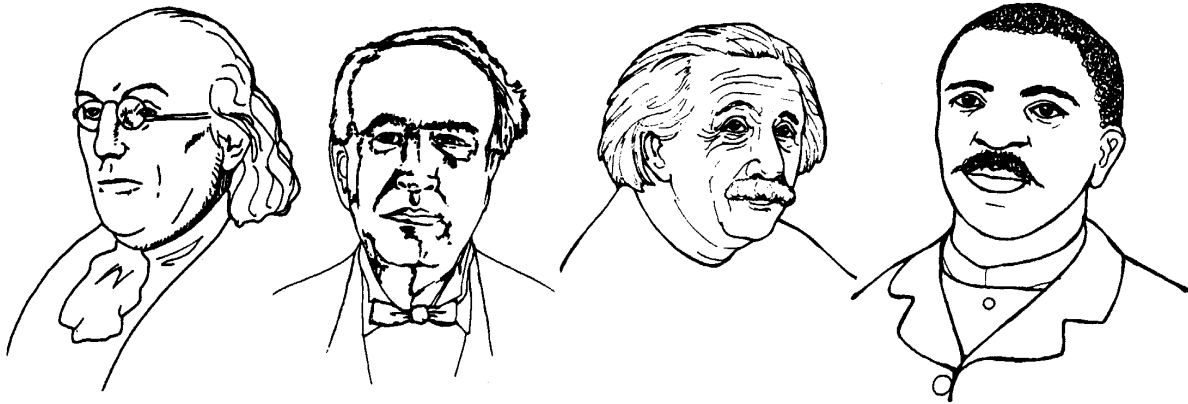
**Activity Summary:** Read about Benjamin Franklin at this Web site and then view the Quicktime movie Glimpses of the Man. Return to this Web page to follow the links that describe Franklin as an inventor, statesman, musician, scientist, and other roles. Select Tour of the Ben's Preview Gallery at the bottom of this Web page and then click on the DO button. Read the 26 wise sayings from *Poor Richard's Almanac*. Click on one of the letters to give your own interpretation of the sayings and read those posted by others.

# What Do You Think?

An inventor needs to be creative, imaginative, and willing to explore and develop new ideas. Leonardo daVinci, born in 1452, designed bridges, weapons, costumes, machines, and scientific instruments. He invented (on paper) a parachute, a helicopter, and an ornithopter.

Thomas Alva Edison not only invented the light bulb, he created the business of inventing as well. He encouraged others to invent by setting a goal for his inventors of one new invention every ten days and one significant invention every six months.

Leonardo da Vinci and Thomas Edison, along with many other successful inventors, shared a common attitude about life and the business of inventing. Below are some quotes made by famous people who had ideas that changed our lives. Read each quotation. Write what you think these men meant by their statements. Share your ideas with the class and explain why you agree or disagree with each statement.



1. *Being ignorant is not so much a shame as being unwilling to learn.* Benjamin Franklin

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2. *Imagination is more important than knowledge.* Albert Einstein

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3. *99% of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.* George Washington Carver

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4. *Genius is simply hard work—1% inspiration and 99% perspiration.* Thomas Alva Edison

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