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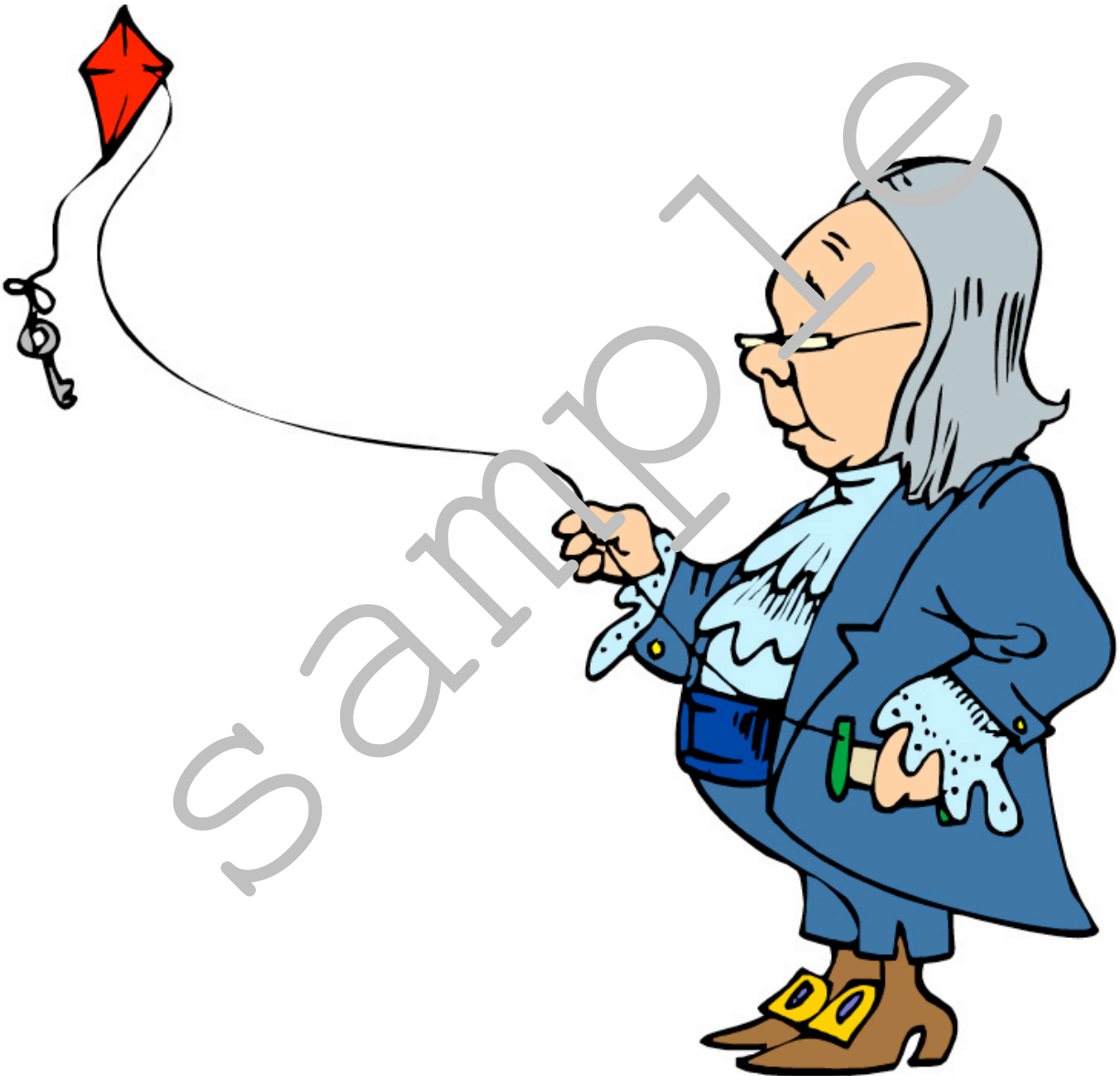
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It was decided that Benjamin would learn the printing business from his brother when he turned twelve years old. He would have to work for his brother until he was twenty-one years old.

Benjamin did not want to have to work with his brother until he was twenty-one years old. He spent many of his free hours studying, reading, and learning about all the things that interested him. When he was seventeen years old he ran away from home, to the city of Philadelphia.

He found a job as a printer. He was finally earning his own money. Benjamin bought new clothes and saved a little money. Later, he returned to his home in Boston to visit his family.



While living in Philadelphia, he and group of men met on Friday evenings, to discuss all kinds of subjects.

Read each sentence. Fill in the missing blank.

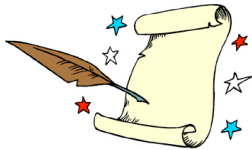
1. Benjamin Franklin learned the printing business from his \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When Franklin was \_\_\_\_\_ he ran away from home.
3. Franklin's family lived in the city of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Benjamin Franklin spent many hours \_\_\_\_\_, reading, and learning.

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Benjamin was living in Philadelphia when there were 13 colonies. He worked hard to get the colonies to unite. In 1757, the governor of Philadelphia sent him to London to help with a tax bill. Franklin stayed overseas working to help the American colonies for most of the next 18 years.



Benjamin was angered by the British government. After eighteen years overseas he returned to America. He knew that America had to be a free and independent nation. He returned about two weeks after the Revolutionary War broke out.



Franklin helped to write the Declaration of Independence. This declared America as an independent nation.

He persuaded France to make a treaty of alliance with the American colonies. This meant that France would help the colonies to gain their freedom.

Franklin also helped to draft the Treaty of Paris which ended the Revolutionary War.

What is the Declaration of Independence? Write about it on the lines below.

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## CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?  
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

lightning  
freedom

library  
printer

almanac  
diplomat

storm  
kite

