Unit 7 Level B Story

Title: Now and Ben: The modern inventions of Benjamin Franklin

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The genre of this book is a biography. A biography tells facts about a real persons life.

Story

Now and then we think about Ben. Dr. Benjamin Franklin.

And we think about his many inventions--- inventions he made more than two hundred years ago.

It was as if Ben could see into the future. Almost everything he created is still around today. For instance…

Now… our newspapers are filled with illustrations. Ben was the first person to print a cartoon in America.

Now… our world uses electricity. Ben… was one of the scientists who discovered that lightening is made of electricity.

Now… There are many shapes and sizes of chairs. Ben… made two chairs that are still very useful. The writing chair that is both a desk and a chair. The library chair that is both a chair and a stepladder.

Now… everyone has seen a rocking chair, but not many have seen Dr. Franklin’s rocking chairs.

Ben… invented one rocking chair with a fan on top and one that stirred cream to make butter.

Now… every car has an odometer to measure how far it travels. Ben… invented the odometer when he delivered mail so he could measure how far he traveled.

Now… almost every community has a library, a hospital, a post office, and a fire department. Ben… lived in a city that had none of these places so he helped organize the first of each.

Now… and then, we owe thanks to Ben for his important inventions. Another very important thing that ben did was help create papers that changed the world. Ben… had an important role in creating Americas Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. These are papers that tell the rules of the United States.

Its amazing that one man could achieve so much in a lifetime. He really added to the world. Will his inventions help in the future?