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NEH Lesson Plan  
State: New York State  
Grade Level: 7th grade  

Title: Benjamin Franklin: “Man of the 18th Century Award”

New York State Standard 1: Key Idea 1

- explore the meaning of American culture by identifying the key ideas, beliefs, and patterns of behavior, and traditions that help define it and unite all Americans

New York State Performance Indicator (Intermediate Level):

- gather and organize information about the important achievements and contributions of individuals and groups living in New York State and the United States

Objective:

Students will recognize the achievements of Benjamin Franklin and understand his impact on 18th century American Culture

Procedure: 3 Class Periods

Day 1 – Research and locate illustrations  
Day 2 – Write up Reports and collaborate on illustrations  
Day 3 – Finish poster and Present to the Class

- Students will create a poster to commemorate Benjamin Franklin – Man of the 18th Century Award  
- Students will be divided up into groups of three  
- Student A: Research and Report on Franklin’s achievements in Science and Inventions  
- Student B: Research and Report on Franklin’s achievements as a Model Citizen  
- Student C: Research and Report on Franklin’s achievements as a Statesman

Each student will write a brief report for the poster and each find three illustrations to accompany the report

Students will collaborate to select one Franklin quote and explain the meaning on the poster

Students will display the posters around the room and briefly present their findings to the class

Assessment:

Poster will be graded based on a Rubric  
Presentation will be graded on a Rubric