



## School Assembly "Ben Loves Books"

### Teacher's Guide

Professional actor and assembly performer Michael "Tuba" Heatherton teaches the joys of reading by bringing to the stage statesman, inventor and author, Benjamin Franklin. "Ben Loves Books" uses **original songs**, humor and audience participation to make this a fun, K-6 appropriate assembly. This 45 min. assembly presentation shares "founding father facts" and demonstrates why reading books is so important.

#### ASSEMBLY SYNOPSIS:

1. Benjamin Franklin's love of books and reading
2. Defining a champion
3. A quick autobiography of Ben's early life
4. Ben the inventor
5. Inventors learn from other inventors through books.
6. Silence Dogood: one of Franklin's pen names
7. Reading: What's good about it?
8. Reading: What's bad about it?
9. It is important to understand vocabulary ("Yankee Doodle" explained).
10. The importance of a dictionary
11. Making reading active
12. Ben Franklin started the public library system in America.
13. Reading from "Charlotte's Web" (or another prearranged classic book)
14. Comprehension and imagination
15. The importance of writing things down
16. Various author champions
17. The students are the heroes of the future.

Assembly company **Shows That Teach** has performed educational programs at thousands of schools since 1999. "Ben Loves Books" is our newest assembly program. We welcome and appreciate comments and suggestions; E-mail Shows That Teach president, Mark Beckwith, at: [mark@showsthatteach.com](mailto:mark@showsthatteach.com).

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