

## **BEN IS FAMOUS!**

January 17, 2006 was the 300th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birthday. Dr. Franklin was an amazing man. He was an inventor, a scientist, a successful businessman, a politician, a diplomat and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. He is famous for doing a lot of different things and doing them all very well. What will you do so well that people will remember YOU three hundred years after your birth?

**Challenge:** Develop a performance that presents three different things that would make your team famous for a very long time. At least one of these things should be an invention that ought to be very popular.

**Time:** Part One: You will have 4 minutes to develop a presentation that describes three possible achievements, including one invention, that might make your team famous. Include in the demonstration a model of your invention.

Part Two: You will have 2 minutes to present your solution to the appraisers.

**Materials:** 2 paper plates  
10 paper clips  
4 straws  
2 sheets of construction paper  
4 mailing labels  
a small hinge  
2 small springs  
markers and scissors (may not be used in the solution)

**Scoring:** up to 15 points for the creativity of each achievement  
10 points for including an invention in your presentation  
up to 10 points for the creativity of the model of the invention  
up to 20 points for the creativity of the performance  
up to 15 points for positive team work

