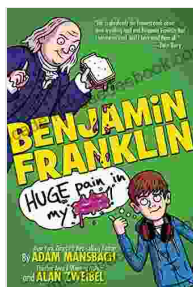


# Benjamin Franklin: A Huge Pain in My...

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Franklin was constantly coming up with new ideas and inventions. He invented the lightning rod, the Franklin stove, and the bifocals. He also helped to develop the postal service and the fire department. Franklin was always trying to get others to adopt his ideas. He wrote pamphlets, gave speeches, and even lobbied Congress.

This often led to conflict and controversy. Franklin's ideas were often ahead of their time, and he was often met with resistance from those who were more conservative. For example, his proposal to create a national bank was met with strong opposition from those who feared that it would give the government too much power.

Despite the controversy, Franklin's ideas eventually prevailed. His inventions and his political ideas helped to shape the United States. He is considered one of the most important figures in American history.

## **Franklin's Inventions**

Franklin was a prolific inventor. He invented a wide variety of devices, including the lightning rod, the Franklin stove, and the bifocals. His inventions had a major impact on American life.

- **The lightning rod** was invented in 1752. It is a metal rod that is placed on top of a building or other structure to protect it from lightning strikes. Lightning rods work by attracting lightning and then conducting it safely to the ground.
- **The Franklin stove** was invented in 1742. It is a cast iron stove that is designed to burn wood or coal. Franklin stoves are more efficient than traditional fireplaces, and they produce less smoke.
- **The bifocals** were invented in 1784. They are eyeglasses that have two different focal lengths. This allows people who are nearsighted and farsighted to see clearly at different distances.

## **Franklin's Political Ideas**

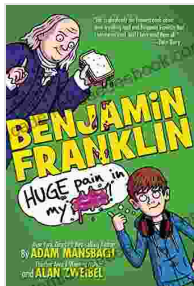
Franklin was also a prominent political figure. He served as a delegate to the Continental Congress, and he helped to draft the Declaration of Independence. Franklin also served as the first Postmaster General of the United States, and he helped to establish the postal service.

Franklin's political ideas were based on the principles of liberty, equality, and self-government. He believed that all people are created equal, and

that they have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Franklin's political ideas had a major impact on the development of the United States. He is considered one of the most important figures in American history.

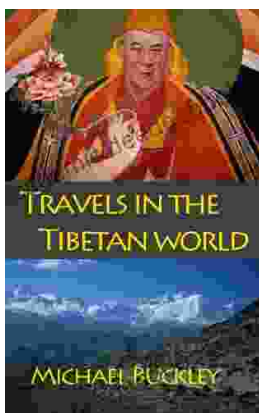
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