Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin was one of Philadelphia's leading citizens. Use the time line of his life to answer the questions below.

1706	1732	1737	1742	1752	1776	1785	1787	1790
Benjamin Franklin is born	begins Poor Richard's Almanac	becomes Postmaster of Philadelphia	invents Franklin stove	invents lightning rod	signs Declaration of Independence then moves to France	returns to Philadelphia	becomes Philadelphia delegate to Constitutional Convention	Benjamin Franklin dies

1. In what year was Benjamin Franklin born? _____

2. What did Ben begin writing in 1732?_____

3. In 1737, what did Ben Franklin become? _____

4. Name 2 of Ben Franklin's many inventions. _____ _____

5. After the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, Ben left this country. Where did

   he go? _____

6. Ben Franklin returned to Philadelphia in 1785. How long was he gone?

   a. 5 years   c. 10 years
   b. 9 years   d. 12 years

7. Ben Franklin attended what event in 1787?_____

8. In what year did Ben Franklin die? _____ How old was he? _____

   a. 80 years old   c. 86 years old
   b. 84 years old   d. 88 years old