

## Using the simple past to talk about history!

*Directions: Think about person from your culture or country that you admire. Tell another student about this person using the simple past. Use the questions below as a guideline.*

1) Who *was one person* from your culture that you admire?

2) When *was this person* born?

3) Why *was this person* admired during his or her lifetime?

4) What kinds of things *was this person successful* at doing?

5) Was there anything that this person *was not successful* at doing?

Ex.

Benjamin Franklin was an American statesman, inventor, philosopher, writer and scientist. He was admired by early Americans for his creativity, intelligence and originality. Today, he remains one of the most recognized figures in American history.

Franklin was born in Boston in 1706. He was mostly self-educated and began working in print at an early age. He went on to create his own newspaper and was known for his original writing and ideas. Franklin was also an inventor and scientist and is credited for inventing bifocals and discovering electricity. In his later years, Franklin was a diplomat and statesman in the early days of American history.