

3C: ELA

# February

Week of Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Homework

*Monday*- Read about Benjamin Banneker and answer questions on the bottom of the pages. Read and answer all 4 pages for a Reading grade.

*Tuesday*- Fill in the blanks using the word bank to complete the story about Benjamin Banneker's life for a SS grade.

*Wednesday*- Complete the fact sheet about Benjamin Banneker's life for a SS grade.

*Thursday*- Read the quote by Benjamin Banneker and answer the questions for a WRITING grade.

*Friday*- *Submit Homework*

## Reading Topics:

- Literary Elements
- Theme
- Perspective
- Figurative Language
- Context Clues



## Writing Topics:

- Winter Writing Workshop
- Writing Process

## Social Studies

### Topics:

- Black History Month
- Benjamin Banneker



Reading Portfolio will take place Wednesday!

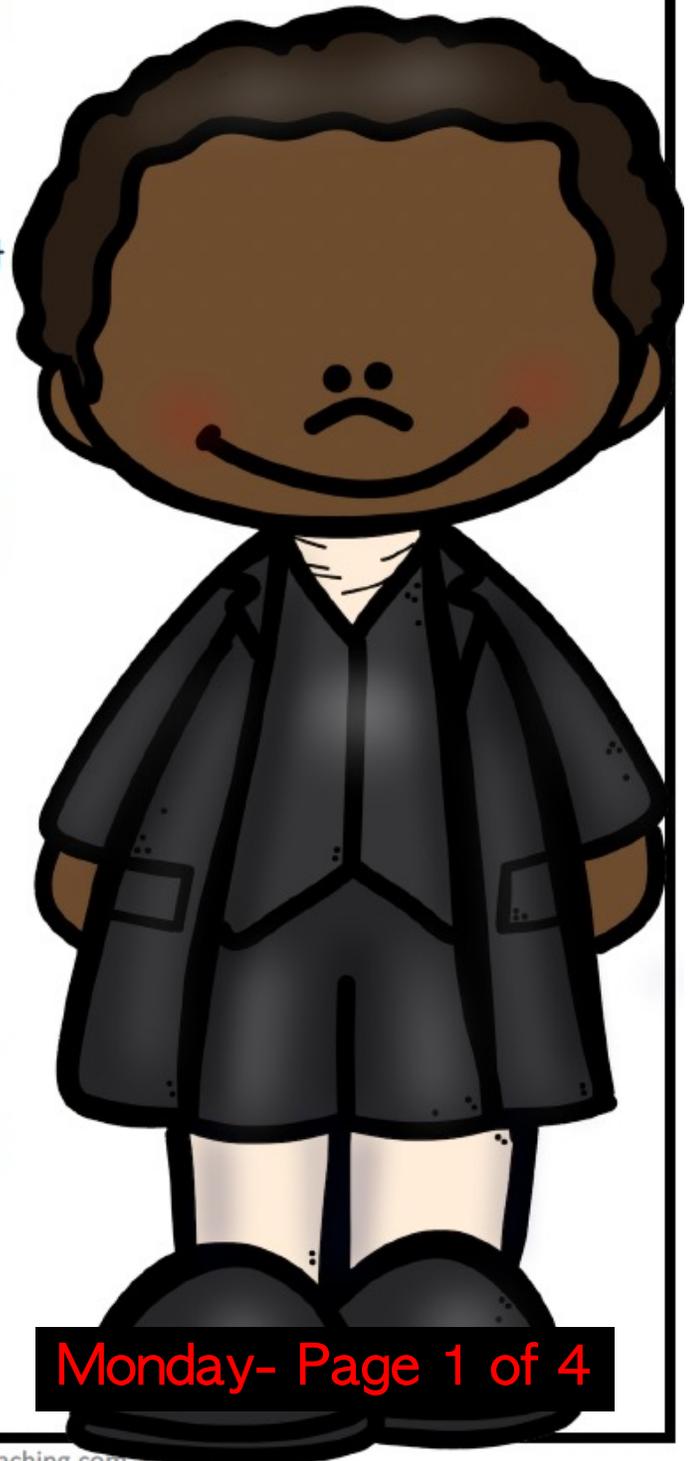
Homework for this week will count as a Reading, Social Studies, and Writing classwork grade. Make sure to use complete sentences and proper grammar.

# Meet Benjamin Banneker

Benjamin Banneker was born on November 9, 1731, in Baltimore County, Maryland. During that time, many African-American children were born as slaves. Benjamin was lucky to have two parents that were free. Benjamin grew up on a farm. He worked hard doing chores such as chopping wood and planting tobacco from dawn to dusk. Since Benjamin spent most of his time working on the farm, he didn't have much time for school. For a short period, he attended a small Quaker school. His favorite subjects were math and science. Benjamin was curious and became fascinated about how things worked. He even built his own clock, from wood. It took him two years to build it. Amazingly, that clock kept the correct time for more than forty years.

Benjamin was also interested in astronomy. Astronomy is the study of the universe and space including the planets, stars, and other celestial bodies. On April 14, 1789, he made history! He predicted the exact date that an eclipse was going to occur. Several white scientists disagreed with him, but Benjamin's prediction was correct making him famous! In 1791, President George Washington hired Benjamin to design our nation's capitol. It was an incredible opportunity. Benjamin used his skills as a surveyor and began laying out the design of Washington D. C. He was the first Black American to receive a presidential appointment. But he did not stop there!

In 1792, Benjamin used his talent as a writer to publish an almanac. An almanac is a book loaded with all sorts of information including predictions about the weather, dates for important events, and information about the community. People loved his almanac. Today, Benjamin Banneker is remembered as one of the most important African-Americans in this country. He is admired for his talents and successes in writing, science, and architecture. One of his lasting contributions is the design of our nation's capitol.



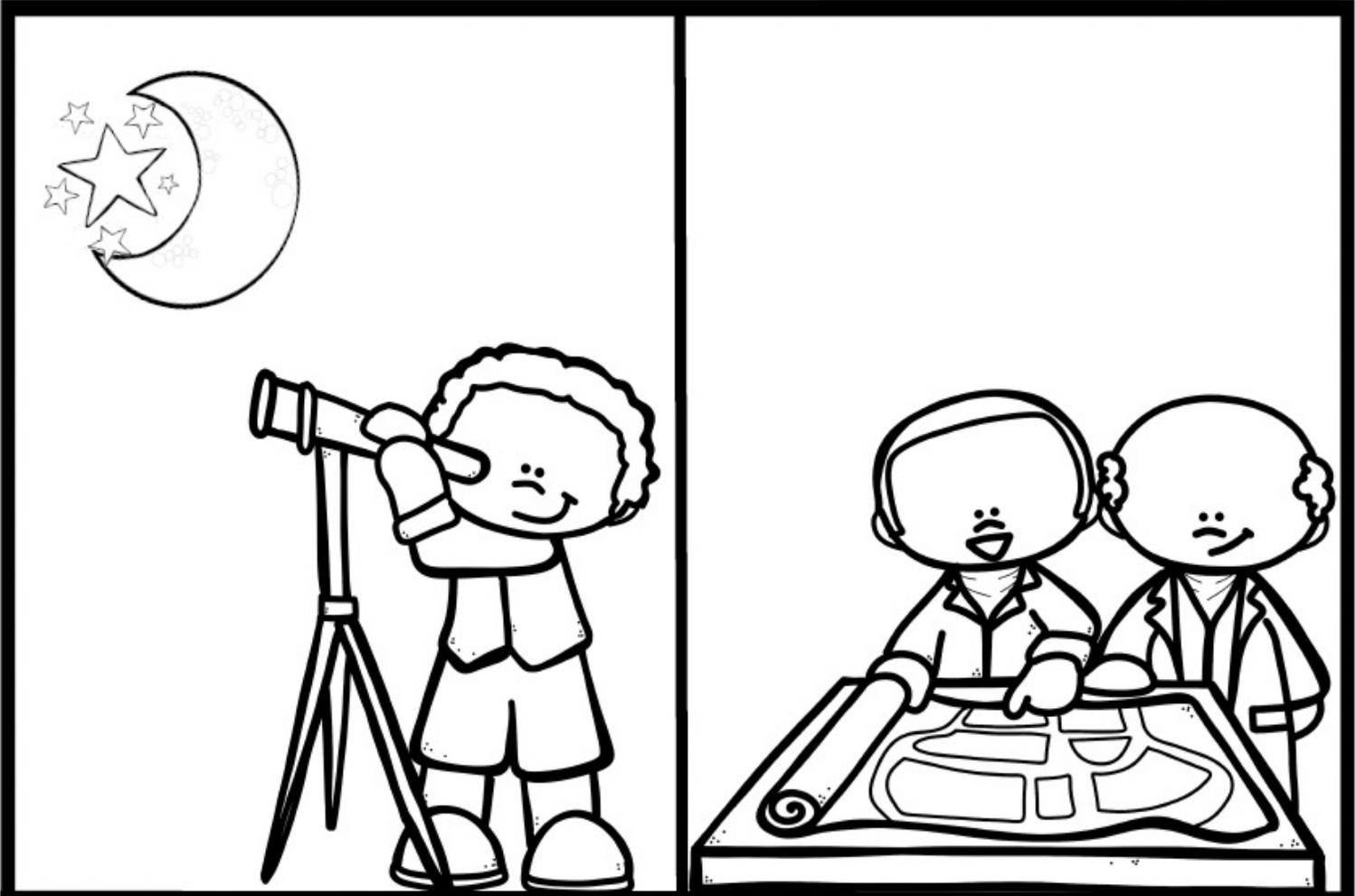


Benjamin Builds a Clock

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For a short period, he attended a small Quaker school. His favorite subjects were math and science. Benjamin was curious and became fascinated about how things worked. He even built his own clock out of wood. It took him two years to build it. It was the first ever built in America. Amazingly, that clock kept the correct time for close to fifty years.

Why didn't Benjamin have a lot of time for school?



### Benjamin Builds Our Nation's Capitol

Benjamin had many interests and taught himself astronomy. Astronomy is the study of the universe and space including the planets, stars, and other celestial bodies. On April 14, 1789, he made history! He predicted the exact date that a solar eclipse was going to occur. Several white scientists disagreed with him, but Banneker's predictions were correct. He continued to successfully predict several solar and lunar eclipses before they occurred, making him famous!

In 1791, President George Washington hired Benjamin to design our nation's capitol. It was an incredible opportunity. He was the first Black American to receive a presidential appointment. Benjamin used his skills as a surveyor and began laying out the design of Washington D. C. Many important government buildings are located there including the Capitol, White House, and Supreme Court.

If you traveled to Washington D.C. what would you want to see?

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# BENJAMIN

# BANNEKER



## Benjamin Publishes an Almanac

In 1792, Benjamin used his talent as a writer to publish an almanac. An almanac is a book loaded with all sorts of information including predictions about the weather, dates for important events, and other scientific information. In 1791, Benjamin sent a copy of his first almanac with a personal letter to Thomas Jefferson in hopes of proving what really matters is hard work, not the color of your skin. Thomas Jefferson congratulated him for his successes. For ten years he wrote and published this popular book.

Today, Benjamin Banneker is remembered as one of the most important African-Americans in this country. He is admired for his talents and successes in writing, science, and architecture. One of his most famous and lasting contributions is the design of our nation's capitol.

What is an almanac?

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# Benjamin Banneker

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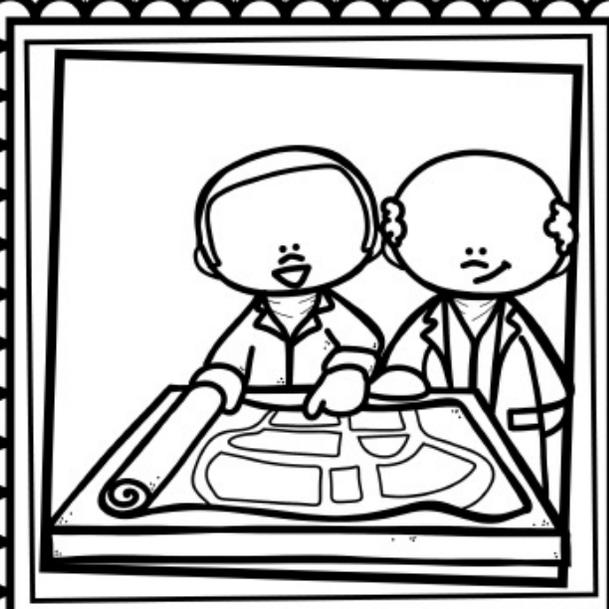
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Wednesday

Was quoted saying:

Three words that describe him:



# Benjamin Banneker

One obstacle he overcame to achieve success was:

What I admire most about him is:

Birthdate:

Birthplace:

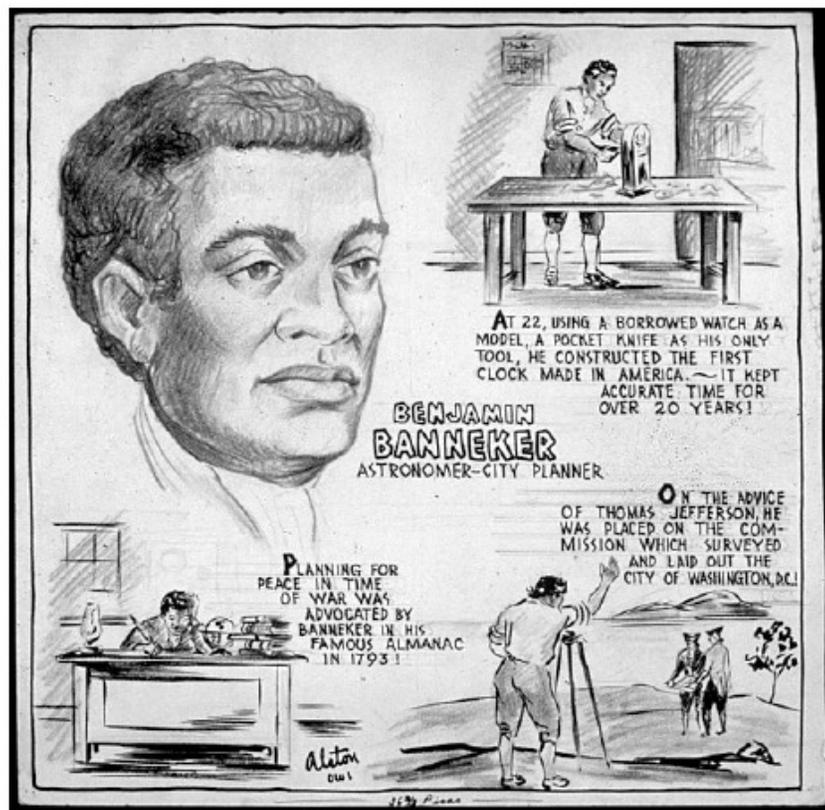
What is he famous for?



Thursday

**“The colour of the skin is in no way connected with strength of the mind or intellectual powers.”**

---Benjamin Banneker



Directions: Use the quote above and your knowledge of Benjamin Banneker to answer the questions that follow.

1. What do you think Benjamin Banneker meant by this quote?

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2. What do you think is Benjamin Banneker's greatest accomplishment?

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