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Discussion Guide: Questions That Spark Thinking in Full Books

What do you notice? What do you wonder?

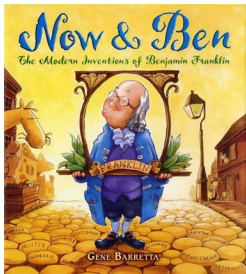
This collection of discussion questions invites students to think deeply about innovation, invention, and the people whose ideas changed everyday life and our understanding of the world.

Level K Module 3: *America, Then and Now*



Essential Question: How has innovation changed life in America over time?

Now and Ben Discussion Questions



W WONDER

- What do you notice and wonder about this text?
- What do you want to know more about?

O ORGANIZE

- Is *Now and Ben* a storybook or informational text? How do you know?
- Why do you think there are no photographs of Ben Franklin in this text?
- What is the main topic of this text?

R REVEAL

- What are some of Ben Franklin's inventions? Why did he invent each? How did each change lives in America? How have his inventions changed lives in America overall?
- Why is the book called *Now and Ben*?

D DISTILL

- Why are Ben Franklin's inventions important to communities today?
- What are two of Ben Franklin's inventions that are important to people's lives at home?
- What are some reasons that support the author's point of Ben Franklin's inventions are important?
- What lessons can you learn from Ben Franklin?

KNOW

- What have you learned about Ben Franklin's inventions?
- Extend: Share about Thomas Jefferson's invention of the swivel chair. Have students consider questions around this innovation.
 - How was the swivel chair created?
 - How did the swivel chair change lives in America?



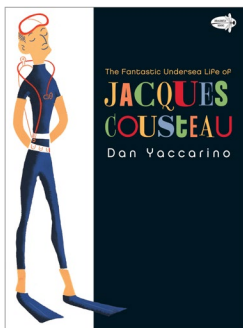
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Level 3 Module 1: The Sea



Essential Question: How do people explore the sea?

The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau Discussion Questions



W

WONDER

- What do you notice and wonder about the front and back covers?

O

ORGANIZE

- What was Jacques Cousteau interested in as a child?
- What did Cousteau invent? How did this invention solve a problem?

R

REVEAL

- Discuss the definition of *illuminate*, including a flashlight as a visual representation.
 - *to shine a light on something*
- What problem did Jacques Cousteau illuminate? How did he illuminate this problem?

D

DISTILL

- How was Jacques Cousteau an ambassador for the world's oceans?
- What life lesson can we learn from *The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau*?

KNOW

- How do people explore the sea?
- What inventions have changed how people explore the sea?



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