

## BEN FRANKLIN APHORISMS

You will draw a number to see which aphorism you will draw. ☺

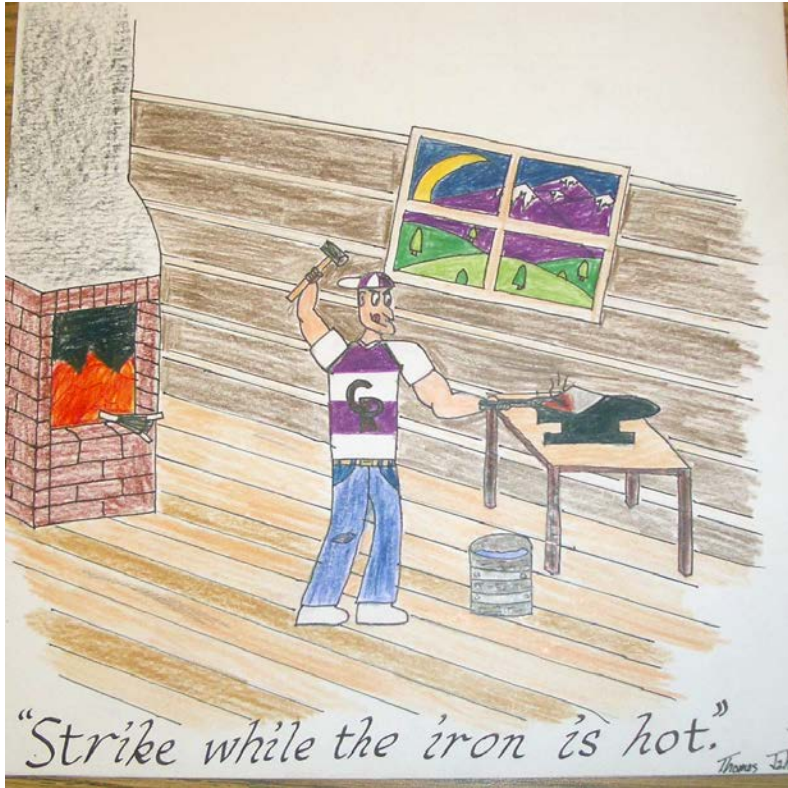
- 1) Draw a picture that illustrates the aphorism**
- 2) Explain the aphorism's literal meaning**
- 3) Explain the idea the aphorism expresses (What's the real-life message or advice?)**
- 4) Come up with a real world example that connects to the aphorism's meaning.**



- 1) Love your neighbor; yet don't pull down your hedge.
- 2) Fish and visitors smell in three days.
- 3) Beware of little expenses; a small leak will sink a great ship.
- 4) Beware of the young doctor and the old barber.
- 5) Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterward.
- 6) If your head is wax, don't walk in the sun.
- 7) They who have nothing to trouble them will be troubled at nothing.
- 8) Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late.
- 9) He that is good at making excuses is seldom good at anything else.
- 10) He that is of the opinion money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money.
- 11) What maintains one vice would bring up two children.
- 12) To be humble to superiors is duty, to equals courtesy, to inferiors nobleness.
- 13) He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals.
- 14) Love your enemies, for they tell you your faults.
- 15) The strictest law sometimes becomes the severest injustice.
- 16) Three may keep a secret if two of them are dead.
- 17) The way to be safe is never to be secure.
- 18) He that lives upon hope will die fasting.
- 19) Tart words make no friends; a spoonful of honey will catch more flies than a gallon of vinegar.
- 20) He that lieth down with dogs shall rise up with fleas.
- 21) If you will not hear and obey reason she will surely rap your knuckles.
- 22) A truly great man will neither trample on a worm nor sneak to an emperor.
- 23) Many have quarreled about religion that never practiced it.
- 24) He that speaks much is much mistaken.
- 25) If a man could have half his wishes, he would double his troubles.
- 26) A plowman on his legs is higher than a gentleman on his knees.
- 27) He that blows the coals in quarrels that he has nothing to do with has no right to complain if the sparks fly in his face.
- 28) At the working man's house hunger looks in but dares not enter.
- 29) A good conscience is a continual Christmas.
- 30) An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

**Examples on back**





### A) Literal Meaning:

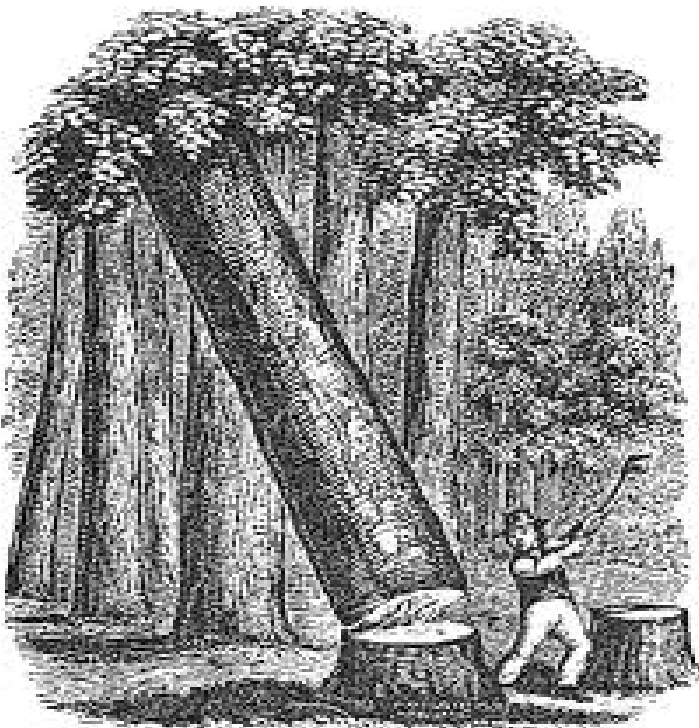
The proverb refers to the fact that when effectively shaping and molding hot iron, a blacksmith must act quickly before it cools down and hardens.

### B) Idea Expressed:

We should act decisively and take advantage of favorable conditions or opportunities when they arise because they may not always be there.

### C) Specific Real World Example:

During a particular week when your boss at Sonic is wowed by the fact you fixed the tater tot machine and numerous customers reported your excellent service--though you are really nervous--this could be the perfect moment to ask for a raise.



Little strokes fell great oaks

~Benjamin Franklin

### A) Literal Meaning:

The aphorism refers to the fact that the best way to cut down a large tree is not with one simple huge stroke. It's about making many small, repeated, decisive strokes with an axe.

### B) Idea Expressed:

Many small actions can be powerful enough to make a big change. *Or...* Though our strengths may be limited, if we are persistent, we can still solve a big problem or accomplish something grand.

### C) Specific Real World Example:

If you are a slow or weak reader, you can still read a long, difficult text. You just need to take it one page, one passage, one sentence, or even one word at a time.