

Benjamin Banneker



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Early Years

Benjamin Banneker was born on November 9, 1731 in Baltimore County and died on October 9, 1806. Because his parents were free, he could escape the torture, wrath, and pain of slavery. He was taught how to read by his grandmother, and attended a small Quaker (organization to stop and are against slavery) school. Banneker learned by himself, and he was self taught at astronomy. When his father died, he ran a farm by himself.

Awards and Accomplishments

Later in his life, he surveyed and measured the land of Washington D.C. He was very close with Thomas Jefferson- our third president. Thanks to him, Washington D.C. got built. Also, he wrote his own almanac and predicted a solar eclipse thanks to his astronomy skills. His work inspired Black and White astronomers. He invented the first clock. Without him, we would have to use a “clock” using the sun. He helped out the U.S. a lot

Although he didn't earn any awards, a 15 cent postage stamp was made in the honor of him.

3 Quotes By Benjamin Banneker

“Were there no uniforms, there were no armies”

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

“Never abandon your vision. Keep reaching to further your dreams.”

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