

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Benjamin Franklin

Part II: “Arrival in Philadelphia” p. 90

1. How would you describe Franklin’s character at this point? Do you admire him? Why or why not?
2. Based on the context clues, determine the meaning of the phrase “the stock necessary to begin with” (p. 89). What is the “stock” the author is talking about?
3. Franklin has almost no money and is very hungry. Why then does he insist on paying for his passage on the boat? What does this reveal about his character?
4. . What does Franklin’s trip to the bakery suggest about travel and currency in the eighteenth century America?
5. What does the act of giving away the rolls tell you about Franklin?

