

Write an essay of no more than 750 words discussing the modern-day relevance of the following quote by Benjamin Franklin:

*“Like an old Man, who, having buried all he lov’d in this World, begins to think of Heaven, I begun to think of and wish for Home; and as I drew nearer, I found the Attraction stronger and stronger, my Diligence and Speed increas’d with my Impatience, I drove on violently, and made such long Stretches that a very few Days brought me to my own House, and to the Arms of my good old Wife and Children, where I remain, at present well and happy.”*

Franklin, Benjamin. “Letter to Catharine Ray, March 4, 1775.” *The Papers of Benjamin Franklin,*

<http://franklinpapers.org/>

Requirements for Students:

* Must be in their **junior** year at a Pennsylvania public high school
* Create original work that makes a case for the relevancy or irrelevancy of Franklin’s words in today’s world
* Consult [Turnitin rubric-Argument tab](https://1.cdn.edl.io/8cnBg9a2Un5u7nibMAnVQteUpTTNiEJp3DOANb0NEqernZGq.pdf) to gain familiarity with judging criteria (Judges will use this exact rubric to grade each essay)
* Must consult and cite credible source material, use in-text citations and have a works cited page following MLA/APA formatting with a minimum of three sources
* Include the page number and title of the essay in the footer of each page
* Save essay as YourEssayTitle\_YourInitials
* Upload essay and student information to the [BFSA JotForm](https://form.jotform.com/243614683956165) no later than Friday, February 28, 2025

2025 Calendar:

**Essay submission deadline: Friday, February 28, 2025**

Award announcement: early April 2025

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