



## Benjamin Rush: Statesman and Scientist

**GATHERING THE INFO:** As you watch the webisode, complete this sheet. You may need to pause the webisode and/or watch it more than once to get all of the information.

### Rush the Statesman

<b>Hero</b> -evidence that Rush had admirable ideas and performed positive actions	<b>Hypocrite</b> -evidence that Rush's actions did not always follow his stated beliefs

### Rush the Scientist

<b>Genius</b> -evidence that Rush was a doctor ahead of his time	<b>Quack</b> -evidence that Rush was a doctor who caused much suffering and death

**EXPLORING PRIMARY SOURCES:**

**1.** *Why do you think Rush decided to write AN ACCOUNT OF THE Bilious remitting Yellow Fever, AS IT APPEARED IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA IN THE YEAR 1793 (shown at 6 minutes, 6 seconds)?*

**2.** *Pause at 6:23. Based on what you have learned about Rush's approach to medicine, how do you think the "tranquilizing chair" was meant to work? Do you think it would have been a successful medical innovation?*

**3.** *Pause at 6:25. What message was Rush trying to convey with his MORAL AND PHYSICAL THERMOMETER (note: "temperance" means abstaining from the drinking of alcohol)?*

**ANALYZING THE INFO:** *Professor Richard Newman says that Dr. Rush was "profoundly wrong in a way that permits others to be right." Do you agree with this assessment? Why or why not?*

