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This portrait was commissioned by Robert Alexander of the firm, William Alexander & Sons, in Edinburgh. Franklin is in a pose of contemplation with a bust of Isaac Newton looking at Franklin. Notice how compared to other portraits of Franklin, in this one he is surrounded by wealth, both in his environment (chair, bust, table cloth) and on his body (wig, coat, shirt).

Inventor, diplomat, founding father, writer, Franklin was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Franklin worked with fellow notable rebels, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams to bring the American colonies independence.

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