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**Benjamin Franklin House Literary Prize 2009 in
association with The Daily Telegraph**

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purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither
liberty nor safety*

Benjamin Franklin

21 April 2009 - LONDON, UK The Benjamin Franklin House Literary Prize 2009 is endowed by Benjamin Franklin House Chairman John Studzinski, Senior Managing Director, The Blackstone Group International.

The 2009 Benjamin Franklin House Literary Prize asks professional and young writers in 1000-1500 words to interpret the Franklin quote: "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." The winner of the Young Writers Prize will receive £500 while the winner of the Professional Writers Prize will receive £1000. Winning essays will be published by Britain 's leading newspaper the Daily Telegraph at Telegraph.co.uk and at www.BenjaminFranklinHouse.org.

Benjamin Franklin is one of history's truly great figures. Whilst making lasting contributions in many fields, his first passion was writing. He believed in the power of the written word to inform

and stimulate debate – and as the bedrock of democratic society.

For nearly sixteen years between 1757 and 1775, Franklin lived at 36 Craven Street in the heart of London, England. He is one of history's great polymaths - a diplomat, patriot, scientist, inventor, philosopher and more. He was one of the first American journalists, writing prolifically not only on politics and foreign affairs, but on science, the arts and humanity.

In 2006, Benjamin Franklin House, the world's only remaining Franklin home, opened to the public for the first time as a dynamic museum and educational facility. Entries for 2009 must be received by 30 September.

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Additional Information

*Benjamin Franklin House Literary Prize – Young Writers Award: Entrants must be under 25

*Benjamin Franklin House Literary Prize – Professional Writers Award: Entrants must be professional writers

Entries of 1000-1500 words must be sent by 30 September to info@benjaminfranklinhouse.org. Each entrant must provide their name, email, postal address, and telephone number. In addition,

entrants for the Young Writers Award must provide their age and place of study, if applicable; entrants for the Professional Writers Award should provide a CV. Entries can be relevant articles or essays produced over the preceding year.

Read more [information](#) on the Benjamin Franklin House Literary Prize.