



## The Nobel Prizes

1. What made Alfred Nobel rich?

- Newspapers
- His inventions and companies
- The Nobel Prizes

2. How did a journalist contribute to Alfred Nobel starting the Nobel Prizes?

- A journalist thought Alfred had died (not his brother), and published a story about how he'd be remembered for making money from finding new ways to kill people. Alfred wanted to be remembered differently.
- A journalist friend of Alfred's suggested that he set up the prizes, so that people would remember him for more than inventing dynamite.

3. Do you think Alfred Nobel succeeded in being remembered for more than inventing dynamite and making lots of money? Why/why not?

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4. Marie Curie's husband had to fight for her to get a Nobel Prize. What else do you remember about her?

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5. What do you think life was like for women scientists back in the early 1900s? Explain your thinking.

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6. In the 120-year history of the Nobel Prizes, only two winners have declined (said that they didn't want) the prize. Check all of the statements that are true.

- Martin Luther King Jr. declined, because Black people in America still didn't have equal rights when he was awarded the peace prize.
- A French writer said no, because he said no to every honour and prize he was offered.
- Two WA doctors declined, because they were too unwell from ulcers.
- A Vietnamese diplomat declined, because he said the situation in Vietnam was not peaceful when he won the peace prize.

7. What are the Ig Nobel Prizes?

- Joke prizes given to fake research ideas.
- Prizes given in other areas that the Nobel Prizes don't cover: like music, technology, and climate change research.
- Prizes given for actual research that sounds ridiculous, but makes you think.

8. The world has changed a lot since the Nobel Prizes were established in literature, peace, economics, physics, chemistry, and medicine. Should there be new categories that reflect the world we live in now? Think of at least one, and propose who you think should win it. Explain your thinking.

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9. Design the medal for your new prize.