

# Alfred Nobel and the Nobel Prize



Alfred Nobel was born on October 21, 1833, in Stockholm. He became the inventor of dynamite among other things. In the years 1842 - 1859, the family lived in St. Petersburg, but Alfred and his father returned to Sweden where Alfred began to study explosives. In an experiment in 1864, a brother of Alfred died.

He was granted more than 350 patents and set up factories in most European countries and in North America.

On December 10, 1896, Alfred died in the city of San Remo in Italy. The Nobel Prize is therefore awarded on December 10 every year and the flowers that adorn the award ceremony and banquet hall come from San Remo. 10 December is called the Nobel Day in Sweden.

The first time the Nobel Prize was awarded was in 1901 and the money was bequeathed by Alfred Nobel.

There are five prize categories: literature, physics, chemistry, medicine and the peace prize. Everyone except the Peace Prize is awarded in Stockholm. The Peace Prize is awarded in Oslo, Norway. This is because Sweden and Norway were in union when Alfred Nobel died.

At the same time as the five prizes are awarded, an economics prize is also awarded. It was not included in the Alfred Nobel's will, but was instituted by The Bank of Sweden and the first time it was awarded was in 1969.

The prize, which consists of money, a diploma and a gold medal, is awarded by the King of Sweden in Stockholm's Concert Hall and then there is a banquet in the Blue Hall in Stockholm City Hall. In addition to the prize winners with family members, those involved in the various prizes, politicians and students from various Swedish universities also participate.

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## Questions

1. When and where was Alfred Nobel born?
2. What did he do for a living?
3. He also lived in other countries – name at least one.
4. Something sad happened in his family – what?
5. How do we know that he was a great inventor?
6. Where did he have factories?
7. When is the Nobel Day and why?
8. Why are the prizes called the Nobel Prizes?
9. In what categories can you get the Nobel Prize?
10. In what countries are you awarded?
11. Who hands out the awards in Stockholm?
12. What happens after the Award Ceremony?
13. Since 1969 there is an extra prize. Which?
14. Are there any Nobel Prize Winners from your country? (use Google)