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# Marie Curie (1867-1934) Science pioneer with two Nobel Prizes

Marie Skłodowska-Curie was born in **Warsaw**, **Poland**, on 7th November 1867. Her mother was a school teacher and her father was a maths teacher. Therefore her family was not very rich. Moreover, at that time it was difficult for girls to study at university. So Marie Curie left Poland for **Paris**, **France** in 1891.



In Paris she met the Professor Pierre Curie, she married him in 1895. The same year, she began working on radioactivity,

which was a completely new thing at that time. Together with Pierre Curie, she found two new chemical elements: radium and polonium. Thanks to this discovery, Pierre, and Marie and another physicist, Becquerel, were given the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1903.



Pierre Curie was killed in a car crash in 1906 and Marie Curie became a professor at the Sorbonne University, which was totally unsual. In 1911, she won the Nobel prize for Chemistry, too. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and she is still the only person with two Nobel prizes. Her daughter also won the Nobel Prize for

Chemistry, in 1935. Marie Curie died in 1934.





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#### Yannick Noah (born 1960) Tennis champion and reggae star



Yannick Noah was born on 18th May 1960 in the north of **France** (**Champagne-Ardenne**). His mother is French and his father, a footballer, was born in **Yaoundé**, in **Cameroon**. In 1963 Noah's father moved back to Africa and Noah played his first matches in Cameroon before moving back to Nice, France, in 1971.

He was very successful as a tennis player and he won the famous Roland Garros tournament in Paris in 1983. He is now the captain of the national French tennis team.

Yannik Noah is also a famous reggae singer and published his first songs in 1991. In 2010 80,000 people went to his concert in the "Stade de France".



The French chose Yannick Noah as the most popular personality eleven times, but he has lost his popularity over the past few years because of some trouble with the law.





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## Karl Lagerfeld (born 1933) Fashion icon

Karl Lagerfeld, was born in **Hamburg, Germany** on September 10th, 1933. His parents were Otto Lagerfeld, who was a sales representative of Swedish origin, and Elizabeth, a German violin player. When Hitler came to power, the family moved to a small village in Northern Germany and returned to Hamburg years later. Lagerfeld then moved to **Paris**, **France**, even before finishing high school.



Lagerfeld is a great fashion designer, stylist, dressmaker, photographer, publisher and even a film director.

He has been the artistic director for Chanel in Paris since 1983 and of the Italian brand Fendi in Roma since 1965. He created his own fashion company in 1984.

Karl Lagerfeld is also a book editor in Germany. He owns a book shop in the 7th arrondissement of Paris, and he works as a photographer for fashion and advertising.

