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Marie Curie



Marie Curie was born Maria Sklodowska on November 7th, 1867 in Warsaw, Poland. Her mother died when she was 10. She had gone to school but being a woman meant she was unable to enroll in an institution of higher education. She became involved in the secret Flying University which allowed women to enter. She took a job as a tutor and governess.

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The Curies became research workers at the University and studied radiation and a mineral called pitchblende. The mineral contained radioactive uranium ore. From the samples they were able to extract the new element polonium. They also discovered the element radium. They wrote dozens of scientific papers. In 1903 the Curies were awarded the Nobel prize in science and she was the first woman to be awarded a Nobel prize. In 1904 Marie gave birth to her daughter. Pierre Curie died in a road accident in 1906. Taking her husband's place she became the first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris. In 1911 she was awarded a second Nobel prize in science in chemistry. In WWI she set up mobile x-ray vehicles to help the soldiers. She died in 1934 from aplastic anemia which may have been caused by her exposure to radiation. Her and Pierre's remains are sealed in lead lining because of the radioactivity.





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1. She was born on _____
in _____.

2. Name what she is famous for



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3. She was the first _____

4. She died on _____

