

Famous Figures from
History

Isaac Newton

1642 - 1726

Mathematician,
astronomer, physicist

Who was Isaac Newton?

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Then read this information:

1. **Isaac Newton is best known for 'discovering' gravity**, but he worked on so many different topics that our understanding of the world was changed forever by his work..
2. Newton had many roles in his life beyond his scientific research: he was Warden and Master of the Mint, and President of The Royal Society, as well as a member of parliament (MP).
3. Newton was born very early (premature) and his family thought he would die, but he actually went on to live to the age of 85.
4. Newton was a grumpy man and often argued with people.
5. Newton discovered that **white light is made up of a range of colours**.
6. Newton's mum wanted him to become a farmer. Newton had other ideas!
7. Newton initially studied for a law degree at Cambridge University. During this time he bought a book on maths but didn't understand it.
8. Newton owned more books on history than on science.
9. When he was an MP, Newton only ever spoke one sentence – and that was to ask for a window to be closed!
10. Newton was **knighted by Queen Anne** on April 16, 1705.

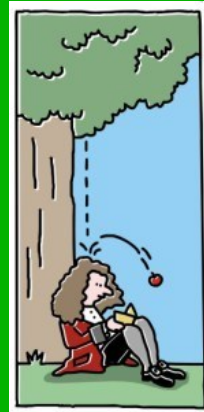
Your task:

Create a comic strip showing Isaac Newton's discovery of gravity.

You'll need 3 or 4 boxes, with space for writing and a picture.

Draw the pictures and add thought or speech bubbles, plus a sentence underneath each one explaining what's happening.

If you need help getting started, there's an example of the next page.



Comic strip

1

*draw a picture here
(with thought/ speech
bubbles)*

Isaac Newton sees an apple falling from a tree.

2

He thinks about why things always fall down to the Earth, not upwards.

3

He discovers a force called gravity. Gravity means that all objects are attracted to the Earth.