

Nobel Peace Prize

Story

There once lived a man named Alfred Nobel. He was famous because he had figured out a way to safely use an explosive called nitroglycerin. He named his new product dynamite. After many years of producing dynamite, Alfred Nobel was a very rich man.

However, Alfred Nobel also loved peace. He wanted people to use dynamite for building things and helping people, not for war. Throughout his lifetime, Nobel tried to encourage peace.

Because he wanted people to remember him as a person who loved peace, Alfred Nobel left his fortune to setting up awards for discoveries in six areas: literature, physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, economics, and peace. The peace prize has been awarded since 1901 to different individuals throughout the world who have actively worked for peace.

Although the award is not as important as the peacemaking efforts of people throughout the world, the award helps the people who win in many ways. First, other people around the world find out about the winner's work, and many of them want to help. Second, the Nobel Peace Prize gives the winner money to help him or her continue the quest for peace. Third, the prize gives the winner encouragement in case he or she is feeling discouraged. Peace is never easy, but Alfred Nobel tried to make sure that peace was always possible.