

Read the information found below about the Nobel Prize awards. Talk about why you think they are regarded by many to be the most important awards in the world. Do you agree they are? Talk about how you think it might feel to win a Nobel Prize.

What are the 6 Nobel Prizes?

1. Physics
2. Chemistry
3. Medicine
4. Literature
5. Peace
6. Economic Sciences



Each winner of a Nobel Prize award receives a gold medal (pictured left) and 10 million Swedish krona (around £840,000)!

What is the aim of the Nobel Prize?

Alfred Nobel had a vision of a better world. He believed that people can help to improve society through knowledge, science and humanism. Therefore, he created a prize that would reward the discoveries that have conferred the greatest benefit to humankind.

The wealth of a country comes from the minds of its people.

Serge Haroche, 2012 Nobel Prize in Physics

How did the Nobel Prize awards start?

The Nobel Prizes are named after Alfred Nobel, a Swedish scientist. He invented the explosive, dynamite, which made him very wealthy. He decided to use the money to honour people who helped humankind in some way.

The first Nobel Prizes were handed out on December 10th, 1901, exactly five years after Alfred Nobel's death. The winners receive their awards at a banquet in Stockholm, Sweden.