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Look at the resource below, which shares some more information about the Nobel Prizes.

The Nobel Prizes are a set of annual awards. They are thought to be one of the most prestigious (respected, admired, important) international honours.

Each year, people are nominated by individuals or institutions, who have been given this right. These nominations are sent to the Nobel committees. There is one committee for each award who then creates reports on each and selects the laureates by voting.



Each Nobel Prize can be won by one, two or three individuals. Only the Nobel Peace Prize can be won by an organisation.



Alfred Nobel 1833 – 1896. He left money to fund a set of prizes to reward people whose work had the greatest benefit to humankind.

Some of this year's winners

Journalists, Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov, won this year's Nobel Peace Prize for 'their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace.' The 2021 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to Benjamin List and David MacMillan for 'an ingenious tool for building molecules' (molecules are tiny particles that cannot be seen, even under a microscope). This tool has had an impact on medicine research and made chemistry greener.

What do you think about the Nobel Prizes?

Do you think they are a good way to reward people who benefit humankind?