

## The Nobel Prize Quiz

WORKSHEET A

1. Alfred Nobel was
  - a) Swedish.
  - b) Norwegian.
  - c) Danish.
2. He was a well-known
  - a) writer.
  - b) chemist.
  - c) priest.
3. He was responsible for
  - a) inventing dynamite.
  - b) arranging peace deals.
  - c) developing the typewriter.
4. How many Nobel prizes are there?
  - a) 4
  - b) 5
  - c) 6
5. The first Peace Prize was awarded in
  - a) 1801.
  - b) 1851.
  - c) 1901.
6. A woman first won the Peace prize in
  - a) 1905.
  - b) 1956.
  - c) 1979.
7. What is the maximum number of individuals that can share a Nobel Prize?
  - a) 1
  - b) 2
  - c) 3
8. True or false?  
The Nobel Prizes can only be awarded to individuals, not organizations.
9. This year's Peace Prize winner is
  - a) an individual.
  - b) an organization.
  - c) an individual and an organization.
10. The Nobel Prizes are awarded annually on
  - a) August 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) December 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Alfred Nobel and his legacy

WORKSHEET B

When Alfred Nobel was 34 years old, he invented dynamite and 22 years later, smokeless gunpowder. These are hardly things one would associate with a name that has become synonymous with peace. However, peace is the subject of just one of the six prizes that are awarded each year in the name of the Swedish chemist. The other prizes are for physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and economics.

The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded by a Norwegian committee, while the other five prizes are awarded by Swedish committees. The reason behind this has never been clear. One argument suggests that the Norwegians had shown a special interest in mediation, arbitration and the peaceful solution of international disputes, and was therefore the natural choice.

The Nobel Peace Prize has existed for 104 years, and within that time about 70 of the individual winners have been men and about 17 of the individual winners have been women. The first woman to win the prize was Nobel's friend Bertha von Sutter exactly 100 years ago, in 1905, and the most recent was Wangari Maathai in 2004 for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace. The other Nobel prizes can only be awarded to individuals (up to a maximum of three), but the Nobel Peace Prize can be given to institutions and organizations as well as individuals.

This year's prize was awarded jointly to the International Atomic Energy Agency and its Director General, Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, for their efforts to prevent nuclear energy from being used for military purposes and to ensure that nuclear energy for peaceful purposes is used in the safest possible way. The ceremony will take place, as usual, on December 10th at the City Hall, Oslo, Norway.