TEACHING A DIVERSE HISTORY OF PHYSICS: WOMEN AND AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE PHYSICAL SCIENCES

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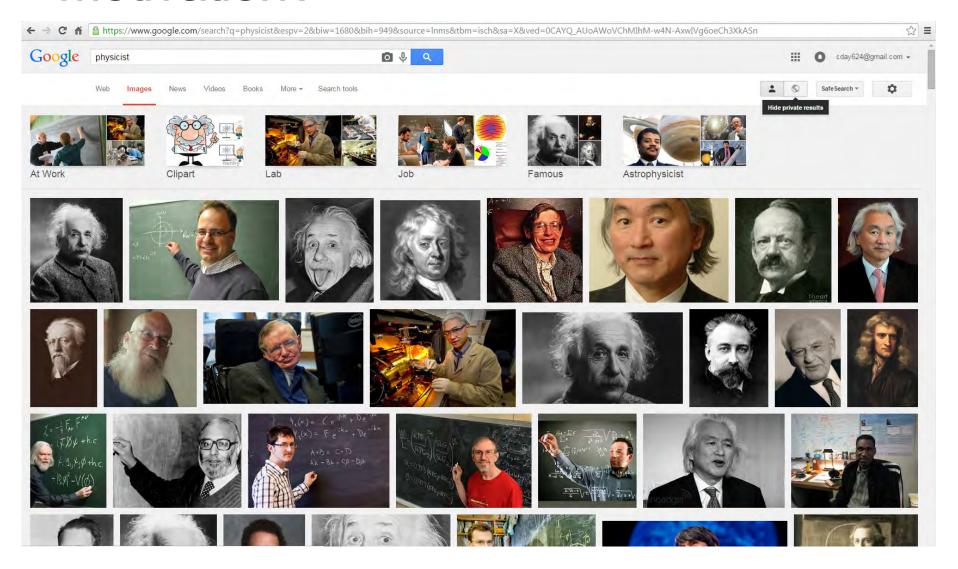
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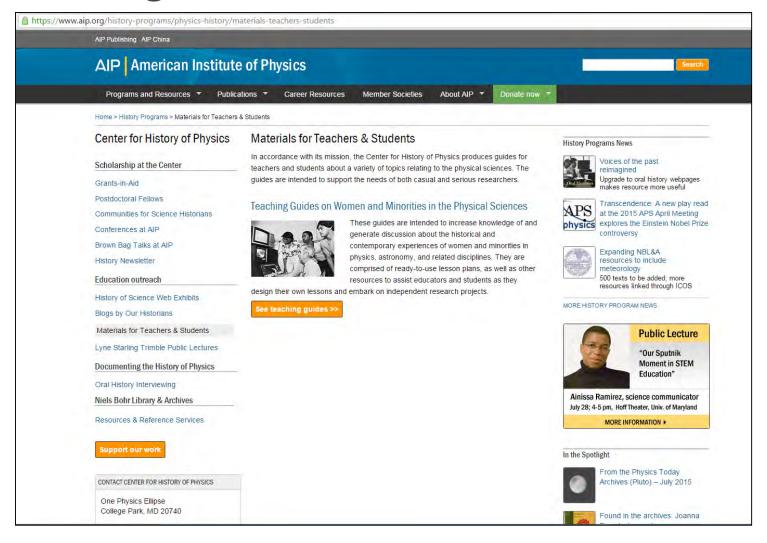




Motivation?



Creating educational materials:



Lesson plans and more...

- Currently on the AIP Center for History of Physics website there are:
 - 20 lesson plans pertaining to women in the history of physics and related fields
 - 19 lesson plans pertaining to African Americans in the history of physics and related fields
- Most lesson plans are accompanied with additional materials (such as case studies, crossword puzzles, worksheets, video links, and suggestions for other activities)

Current Lesson Plans:

Fair or Unfair: Should these Women have received the Nobel Prize, Too?

Objective

Students will learn about the lack of recognition that plagued the careers of women scientists, while at the same time developing reasoning and debating skills.

Introduction

The Nobel Prize, established in 1895 from an endowment in the will of dynamite-discoverer Alfred Nobel, is perhaps the most prestigious prize in science. Great celebration, as well as great scandal, surrounds the yearly prize announcements. It has been argued that Lise Meitner, Chien-Shiung Wu, Marietta Blau, and Jocelyn Bell Burnell have been unfairly denied the Nobel Prize that had been awarded to their male colleagues. But were their contributions significant enough to merit equal recognition? You decide!

Instructions

Information is provided about four cases where the Nobel Prize for Physics or Chemistry was given to a man but not his female collaborator. Students should divide into small groups and, using the information provided as well as their own research, prepare a case arguing for or against the fairness of the awards. Each group will debate their case either with the other team or in front of the rest of the class. The question should then be put to a vote, with three possible outcomes:

- 1. The Nobel Committee made the right decision and the Prize was correctly awarded
- The Nobel Committee did not award the Prize correctly and the female scientist should have been the recipient of the award
- The scientists involved both qualified and contributed equally and the award should have been shared

It should become clear that none of these cases are simple and none have an obvious answer. In almost every case, legitimate arguments could be made for each of the three outcomes. The cases under consideration include:

Year	Nobel Prize	It was awarded to	Should it have been awarded to
1944	Chemistry	Otto Hahn	Lise Meitner?
1950	Physics	Tsung Dao Lee & Chen Ning Yang	Chien-Shiung Wu?
1957	Physics	Cecil Powell	Marietta Blau?
1974	Physics	Martin Ryle & Antony Hewish	Jocelyn Bell Burnell?

In Class Time

45-90 minutes

Prep Time

30 minutes

Materials

Photocopies of case studies

Case Study: Jocelyn Bell Burnell

1974 Nobel Prize in Physics awarded to collaborators Martin Ryle and Antony Hewish

- Burnell arrived in Cambridge in 1965 and Antony Hewish was preparing to construct a radio telescope with the aim of looking for "twinkling" radio sources.
- She spent her first two years helping to build the telescope, making the cables herself
 among other duties, and began her true research in 1967 when the telescope was switched
 on.
- When analyzing the data from the telescope, she came across a small part which did not
 agree with what she would have expected. She was able to prove that it was coming from
 stars further away than our own sun.
- She soon realized that the pulses she was seeing on the charts were very evenly spaced and she began to find it in the same area of the sky at varying times.
- These pulses were unlike anything seen from a star before.
- She found another source pulsating even faster, but just as regularly and on the same frequency.
- Hewish published an article detailing the work on pulsars with S.J. Bell listed as the second author of five. The media became obsessed with her story and she received much press coverage for her involvement.
- The 1974 Nobel prize in physics was awarded jointly to Hewish and Sir Martin Ryle, another astronomer for their work in radio astrophysics, with Hewish receiving it for

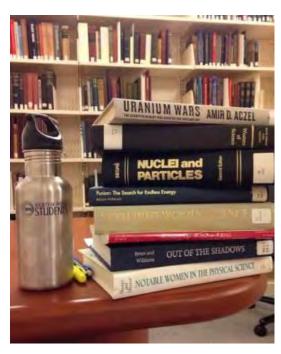
"his decisive role in the discovery of pulsars"

 Burnell never revealed bitterness that she did not become the fifth person to receive a Nobel Prize for her doctoral research and she received many other awards and recognitions throughout her career.



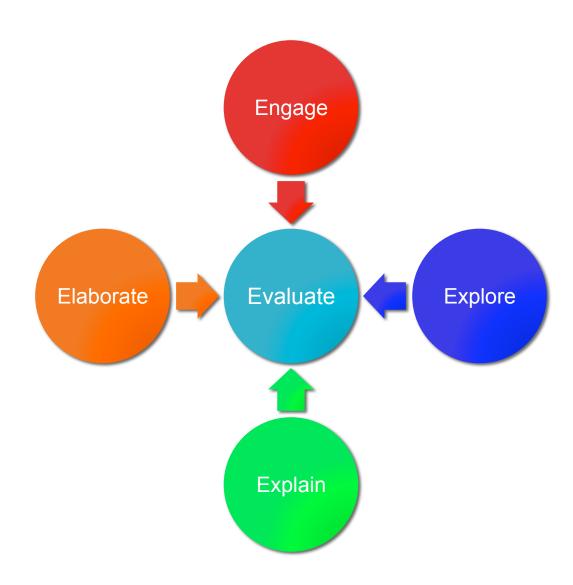
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Utilizing Resources:





The 5E model:



Revised Lesson Plans:



Lesson Plan: Fair or Unfair

Should these women have won Nobel Prizes?









Clockwise from top left: Lise Meitner, Marietta Blau, Chien-Shiung Wu, Jocelyn Bell Burnell. Images courtesy of the AIP Emilio Segré Visual Archives.

Grade Level(s): 9+

Subject(s): History, Physics

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Instructions/Activities

Engagement: 8-10 minutes

A few days or a day before the lesson, assign students to a group and assign one physicists to each group. The students should read through the provided case study and conduct outside research on the assigned physicist. The list of additional resources in this lesson contained various materials on each physicist. These materials vary in reading level, length, and depth of scientific content but contain significant information about these physicists. Be sure to also ask students to conduct research on the Nobel Prize as well especially the statistics pertaining to women. This research can be done individually or as a group.

What is the teacher doing?

Ask students to come prepared to class on the day of the lesson with information about their physicist and the Nobel Prize.

What are students doing?

Students should work on researching materials as a homework assignment. The list of sources contained in the additional resources section of the lesson plan should be used a starting point and should be made available to all students.

Students will share out information that they

On the day of the lesson, ask students to share information about the Nobel Prize. This is a time for students to recall what they learned about the Nobel Prize. The following questions can be used as guidance:

learned about the Nobel Prize. Specific information should be included in response to questions.

- When was the Nobel Prize established and by whom?
- What was the purpose of establishing the Nobel Prize? Does it still hold that same significance today?
- How many prizes have been awarded?
 How many of those were awarded to females?
- How many females have received a Nobel Prize in physics?

Fill in any blank spots in your students' knowledge.

Students can ask questions about the Nobel Prize to make sure that they understand what it is and why people receive it.

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Case Study: S. Jocelyn Bell Burnell 1974 Nobel Prize in Physics awarded to Martin Ryle and Antony Hewish

As a 24-year-old graduate student, Susan Jocelyn Bell Burnell observed the first known pulsar, a type of star that gives out rapid and regularly spaced radio signals. She began her graduate studies in 1965 at Cambridge under Antony Hewish, an astronomer working on designing a radio telescope to detect "twinkling," quick-changing radio sources known as quasars outside of our galaxy. Bell and other students helped build the telescope over a span of two years, though Bell alone ran the device and analyzed the data. In October of 1967, Bell noticed regularly recurring signals that looked different than quasar signals or interference from other places. At first, her mentor thought that the signals were man made, and the pair even entertained the idea of an alien source. Bell solidly determined that the unusual signals were not terrestrial and found a few different sources of the same type of signals in different locations in the sky. The discovery was published in 1968 with Hewish as the first author and Bell as the second author of five. ¹

The 1974 Nobel Prize in physics went jointly to Hewish and his own mentor, Sir Martin Ryle, a long serving head of the Cambridge radio astronomy group. The pair was recognized for their work in the advancement of radio astrophysics, with Hewish recognized specifically for "his decisive role in the discovery of pulsars." Bell and Hewish jointly received the 1973 Michelson medal from the Franklin Institute in Pennsylvania for the discovery of pulsars. The media became obsessed with Bell's story, and she received great press coverage for her involvement in pulsar discovery. Her role has been argued to be the most important in the discovery as she initially noticed the tiny and easily missed signals and proved that they were from stars further away from our own Sun. On the other hand, Hewish's ideas sparked the construction of the telescope used to make the discovery. Bell Burnell never revealed bitterness that she did not receive the Prize, personally believing that advisors that set up their own lab assume risks that deserve reward.



¹ A. Hewish, S.J. Bell, J.D.H. Pilkington, P.F. Scoth and Participles of the arabidy pulsating radio source," *Nature* 217, no. 5130 (1968): 709-713. Emilio Segre Visual Archives

² "The Nobel Prize in Physics 1974," http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel-prizes/physics/laureates/1974/

African American physicists lesson plan:



African Americans in Astronomy and Astrophysics



Principal Investigator Dr. George Carruthers (right) and Project Engineer William Conway with the Appolo 16 for ultraviolet camera/spectrograph instrument. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), courtesy. AIP Emilio Segré Visual Archives, Ronald E. Mickens, Collection.

Grade Level(s): 9-12

Subject(s): History, Physics, Astronomy

In-Class Time: (see below)

Prep Time: 10-15 min for each part

Part One: The Life of Benjamin Banneker (45-60 min)
Part Two: Dr. George Carruthers, Space Scientist (45-60 min)

Part Three: African American Astronomers and Astrophysicists (Work done at home, in-class presentations)

Materials

Part One: The Life of Benjamin Banneker

- Access to internet in order to provide groups of 3-4 copies of Benjamin Banneker's 1793 almanac, found at the Temple University Libraries page: http://digital.library.temple.edu/cdm/ref/collection/p16002coll5/id/237.
- Copies of the Banneker's Almanac Worksheet (see supplemental material)

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Benjamin Banneker's Almanac of 1793

Use Benjamin Banneker's almanac published in 1793 to answer the following questions.



How many eclipses were there in 1793? When were they?

What was the weather like on Valentine's Day?

On what day, hour, and minute was the full moon in March 1793? What was the weather like that day?

What is the cure (called a "receipt") for "eruptions in the face"? What do you think are "eruptions in the face?"

When were the supreme courts held in Philadelphia?



Excerpt One: On His Family and Growing Up

Carruthers:

My father was George Archer Carruthers, and he was a general engineer by t University of Illinois, like I did. In fact, that's probably part of the reason wh University of Illinois. I don't remember a whole lot about what kind of work earliest that I can remember was that in 1947 we moved from Cincinnati to a Ohio, which is about fifteen miles from downtown Cincinnati. At that time it boondocks, you might say. So from the time I was about seven till I was twelvenutry, so to speak, in rural surroundings.

DeVorkin:

Who did your father work for?

Carruthers:

He worked for the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, so he h bit.

DeVorkin:

That's quite a distance. Why did you stay in the Cincinnati area if he worked

Carruthers:

Actually, I think that he changed jobs after we moved to the country. He was Cincinnati. I don't remember exactly when he changed jobs. It might have be three years after that.

DeVorkin:

Tell me a little bit about your mother, her name and what she was like, what

Carruthers:

My mother's maiden name was Sophia Singley. Both my father and mother voriginally, and they moved to Cincinnati, I guess just before I was born. I don her background was in terms of the occupational specialty that she studied is science or engineering, but I don't remember exactly what it was.

DeVorkin:

Let me go a little farther back in your family. Your father had an advanced de



Primary Source:

Letter to Thomas Jefferson from Benjamin Banneker, 1791

Text from Benjamin Banneker's 1793

almanac, http://digital.library.temple.edu/cdm/ref/collection/p16002coll5/id/237.

Baltimore County, (Maryland) near Ellicott's Mills, August 19, 1791. To Thomas Jefferson, Es Secretary of State.

SIR,

I AM fully sensible of the greatness of that freedom, which I take with you on the present occasion; a liberty which seemed to me scarcely allowable, when I reflected on that distinguished and dignified station in which you stand, and the almost general prejudice and prepossession, which is so prevalent in the world against those of my complexion.

I suppose it is a truth too well attested to you, to need a proof here, that we are a race of beings, who have long labored under the abuse and censure of the world; that we have long been considered rather as brutish than human, and scarcely capable of mental endowments

Sir, I hope I may safely admit, in consequence of that report which hath reached me, that yo are a man far less inflexible in sentiments of this nature, than many others; that you are measurably friendly, and well-disposed towards us; and that you are willing and ready to len your aid and assistance to our relief, from those many distresses, and numerous calamities, which we are reduced. Now Sir, if this is founded in truth, I apprehend you will embrace ever opportunity, to eradicate that train of absurd and false ideas and opinions, which so general prevails with respect to us, and that your sentiments are concurrent with mine, which are, the one universal Father hath given being to us all; and that he hath not only made us all of one flesh, but that he hath also, without partiality, afforded us all the same sensations and endowed us all with the same faculties; and that however variable we may be in society or religion, however diversified in situation or color, we are all of the same family, and stand in same relation to him.

Standards and the lessons:



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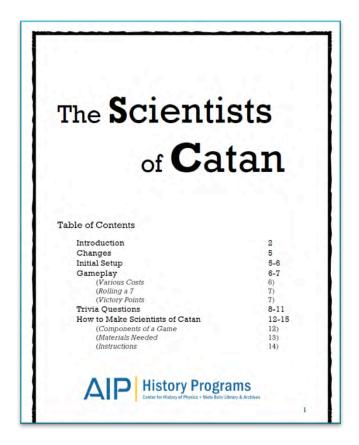
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CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.7	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in		

Additional Materials:

- This summer we also developed three games that can be played in the classroom:
 - Phystory
 - The Scientists of Catan
 - Heads Up
- All of these games will be available online in PDF format so that teachers can download and make their own set

The Scientists of Catan







Heads Up



ADA LOVELACE (1815-1852)



MARIE CURIE (1867-1934)



(1882 - 1935)



GRANVILLE T. WOODS (1856-1910)



LEWIS HOWARD LATIMER (1848-1928)



ELIJAH MCCOY (1844-1929)



STEPHEN HAWKING (1942-)



RICHARD FEYNMAN (1918-1988)



CARL FRIEDRICH GAUSS (1777-1855)

Phystory

Benjamin Banneker finishes work on what would be the first clock made in the United States.

1753

Benjamin Banneker's Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia Almanak and Ephemeris is published.

1791

The Institute for Colored Youth, which would later become Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, is founded as the first HBCU in the United States.

1837

Kepler's first two laws of planetary motion are published.

1609

Willebrord Snellius states his law of refraction.

1621

Principia Mathematica is first published by Issac Newton.

1687

Laura Bassi becomes the first official female physics professor.

1732

Mary Somerville and Caroline Herschel become the first female inductees into the Royal Astronomical Society.

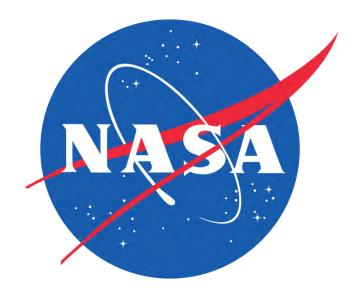
1835

Maria Mitchell becomes the first female member of the American Association for the

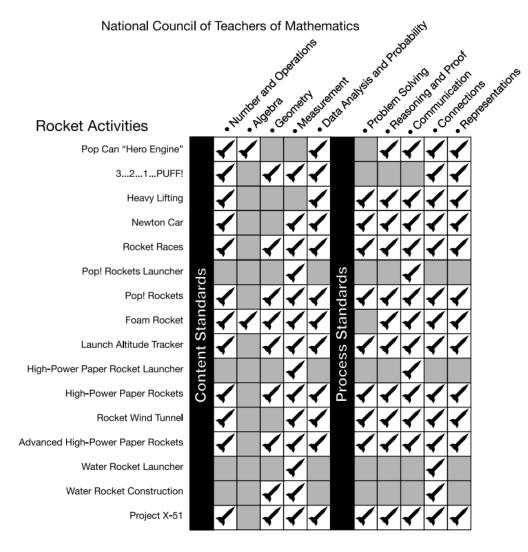
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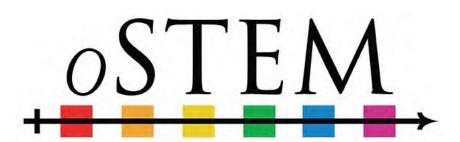






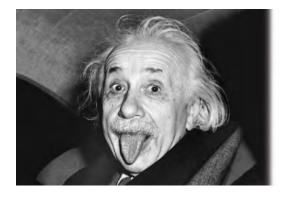
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Gabriela Gonzalez, courtesy of LSU



As a student, he was no Einstein.



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