

Who Am I? Women in Science

Directions: Read each description below. Then, use books and digital research tools to help you match the scientist to the description. Cut and paste the scientist’s image and name to the correct description. Then, conduct further research using the instructions below.

Research Directions:

- Research one of the scientists online and/or by finding books at the library.
- Next, create a blog, piece of writing, poster, or artwork to teach others about what you learned.

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| <p>I was born in London, England, in 1920. I grew up to be a British biophysicist. I am known for helping to discover the structure of DNA, which is the material inside cells that holds information about how a living organism looks and functions. I also studied the structure of viruses.</p> | <p>Who am I?</p> |
| <p>I was born in San Francisco, California, in 1932. I became interested in animals from a very young age. When I grew up, I became a zoologist. I felt passionate about studying gorillas in the wild in Africa. I saw the plight of mountain gorillas, and I worked tirelessly to save and care for them. I wrote a book called <i>Gorillas in the Mist</i>.</p> | <p>Who am I?</p> |
| <p>I was born in Springdale, Pennsylvania, in 1907. When I grew up, I studied biology and zoology. I spent a lot of time researching pesticides, which are chemicals used to kill insects, weeds, and small animals. They can also destroy crops. I found out that certain pesticides are bad for the environment and make people sick. I wrote a book called <i>Silent Spring</i>.</p> | <p>Who am I?</p> |
| <p>I was born in Warsaw, Poland, in 1867. Despite my difficult childhood, I worked hard to go to college in France so I could become a scientist. My husband, also a scientist, and I conducted experiments and discovered two new elements for the periodic table. We came up with the term “radioactivity,” and won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903. I also won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1911.</p> | <p>Who am I?</p> |



Rachel Carson



Marie Curie



Rosalind Franklin



Dian Fossey

