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# What should the 20th century be remembered for?

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# The century of

Health and medical evolution

The 20th century should be remembered as the century of health and medical evolution because there were many major breakthroughs in medicine that we wouldn't think twice about. These scientists should be appreciated as heroes because without them where would we be in such a devastating crisis?

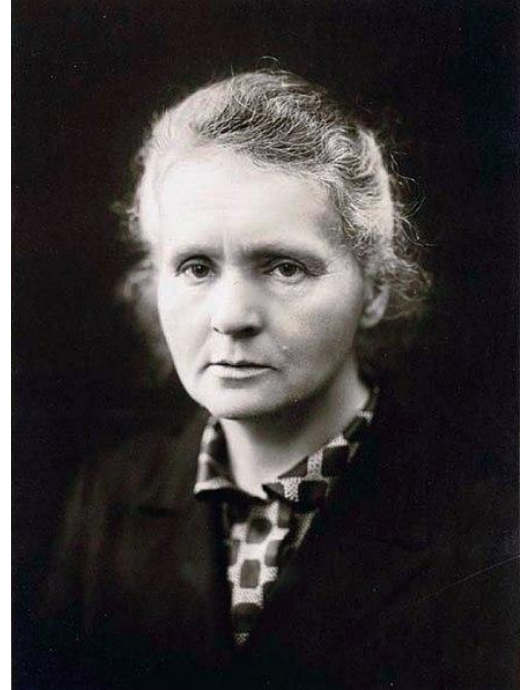
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# Marie Curie

Marie Curie was a French-Polish physicist who is well known for her discovery of radium and polonium and her large contribution to finding treatments for cancer.

She was awarded two nobel prizes and rightly so for carrying such radioactive elements in her pockets! Without her research many lives would be lost and since 1 in 2 people get cancer her research is ever so crucial.

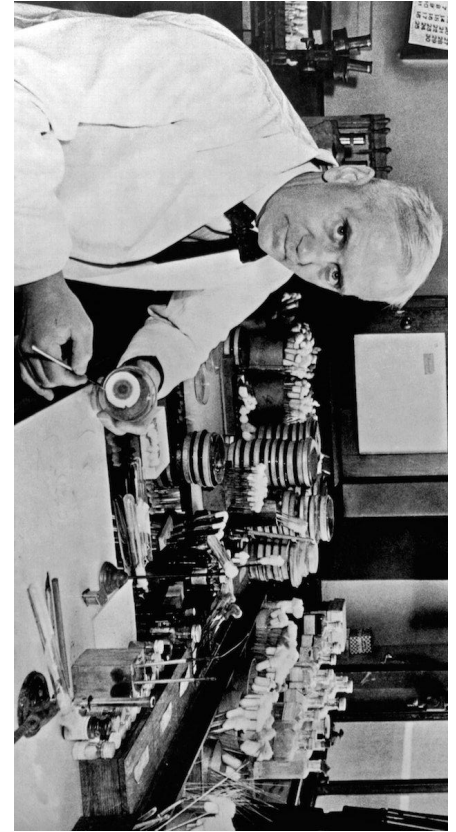


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# Alexander Fleming

The well known accident of finding penicillin is ever so important, many soldiers maimed in battle never being able to survive sadly through bad infection. This was the first effective antibiotic.

Howard Florey and Ernst Chain developed the life saving drug from the laboratory curiosity. We have them all to thank.



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# Francis Crick & James Watson

Along with Maurice Wilkins discovered the double helix formation better known as DNA. This changed the way scientists looked molecular biology still to this day.

Watson, Crick and Wilkins won a nobel prize in 1962, sadly Rosalind Franklin had died 4 years prior although contributing massively to the research.



# Why did i choose medicine?

Well as sure we all know the devastating pandemic we are currently in, we thank the NHS, the scientists working day out, day in to save our lives, but without medical breakthroughs like the ones mentioned then how much worse could this have been? As Well as thanking our hard workers we should reflect the people who dedicated their lives to saving others and finding answers to questions that have changed our lives for the better.

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