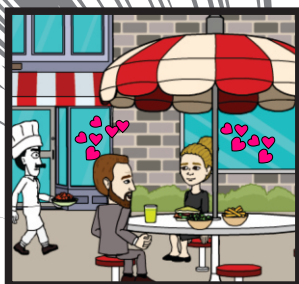


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PROLOGUE

Scientists have been working hard for broadening human-boundary knowledge and have been giving mankind the best of life perspective. Their theories change the thoughts and persuade mankind life.

A theory is the picture of a big idea based, mainly, towards observation. Each new discovery becomes part of the author life story.

Scientific ideas have been faced overturning towards the years because people incredibly and persistently broke old conceptions stuck in the traditions as well presenting a new way of thinking. However, every scientific idea that is considered the truth nowadays is susceptible to be changed, fairly enough, it is necessary that someone come up with a new conception, being determined and find out a way of convincingly proving the new hypothesis. There are many questions to the new generation of scientists to be answered that will change the world. This comic collection has gotten the objective for promoting the learning basic concepts of science towards the science history, into an attractive manner, pleasant, as well as with an easy and understanding language, contributing to improve scientific education.

At the end of each adventure there is a chapter dubbed “now you are the scientist”. They are activities related to the story you have just read for training and that allure the reader to put themselves into the scientist shoes and other exercises for being debated in groups.

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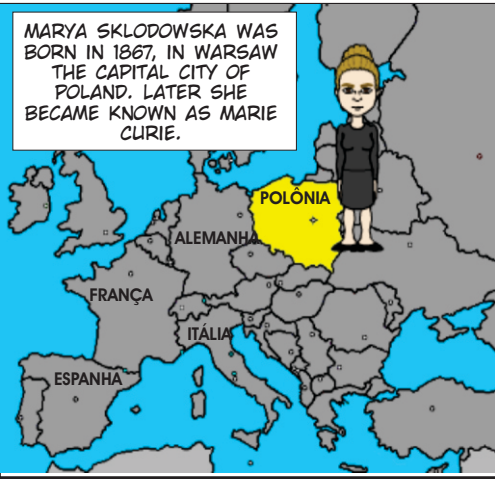
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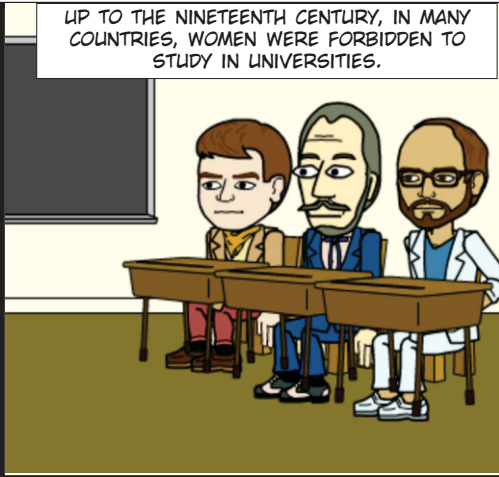
MARYA SKŁODOWSKA WAS BORN IN 1867, IN WARSAW THE CAPITAL CITY OF POLAND. LATER SHE BECAME KNOWN AS MARIE CURIE.



RESEARCH AND SCIENCE WAS NOT THE TASK OF ANY WOMEN. WOMEN WERE FOR GETTING MARRIED, TAKE CARE OF THEIR KIDS AND HOUSE.



UP TO THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, IN MANY COUNTRIES, WOMEN WERE FORBIDDEN TO STUDY IN UNIVERSITIES.



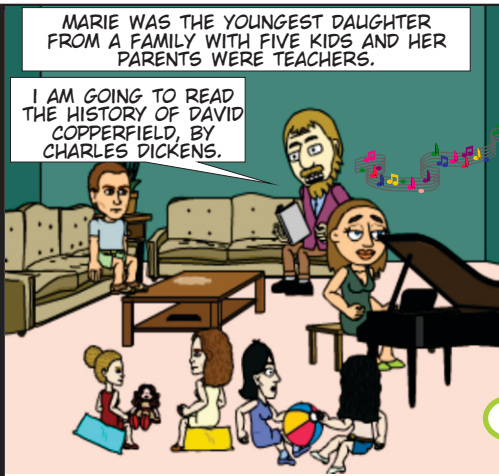
IT WAS IN THAT TIME WHEN MARIE CURIE LIVED. SHE WAS THE FIRST WOMAN TO RECEIVE THE NOBEL PRIZE*



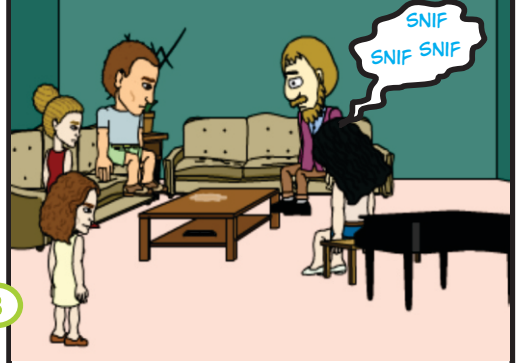
* NOBEL PRIZE IS THE ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT AWARD IN THE WORLD, GRANTED ANNUALLY TO THE BEST SCIENTIST WHO IS THE MOST PROMINENT.

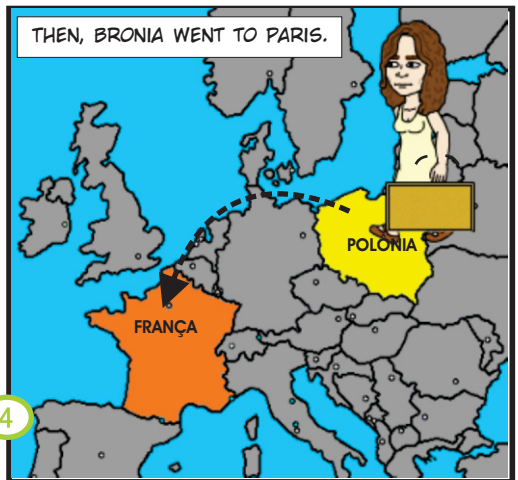
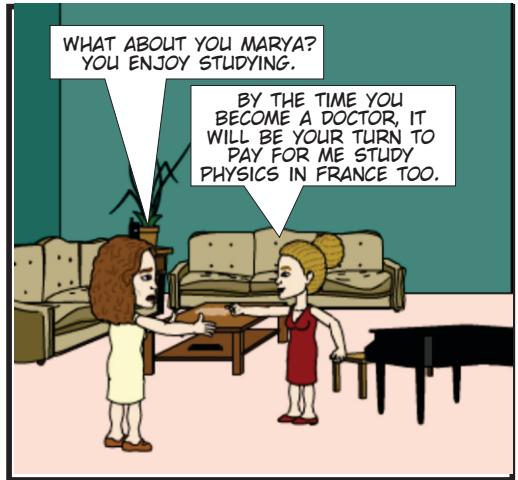
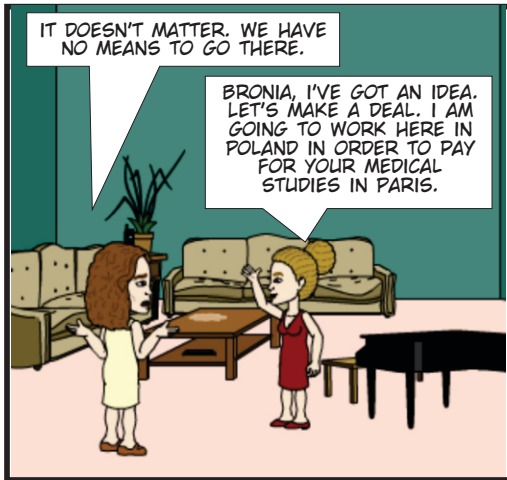
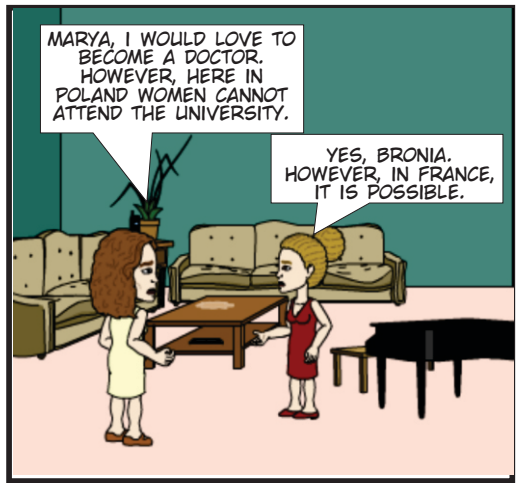
MARIE WAS THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER FROM A FAMILY WITH FIVE KIDS AND HER PARENTS WERE TEACHERS.

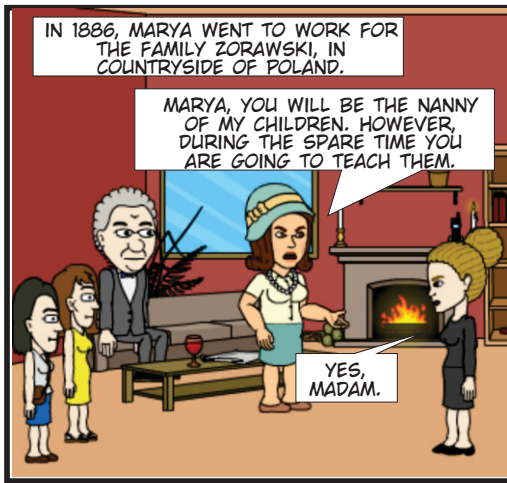
I AM GOING TO READ THE HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD, BY CHARLES DICKENS.



IN 1876, MARIE CURIE ELDEST SISTER HAS PASSED AWAY FROM TYPHUS. IN 1878, WHEN MARIE WAS 10, HER MOTHER DIED OF TUBERCULOSIS.



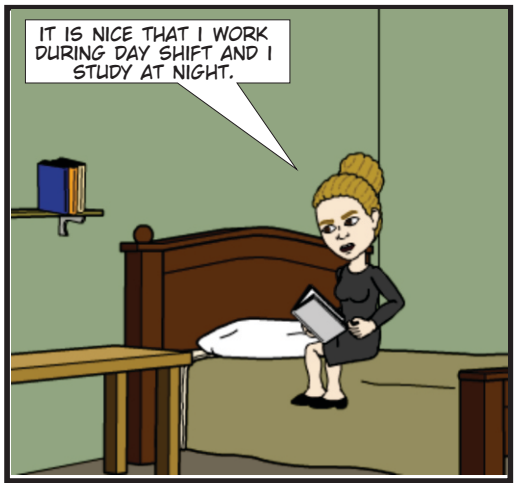




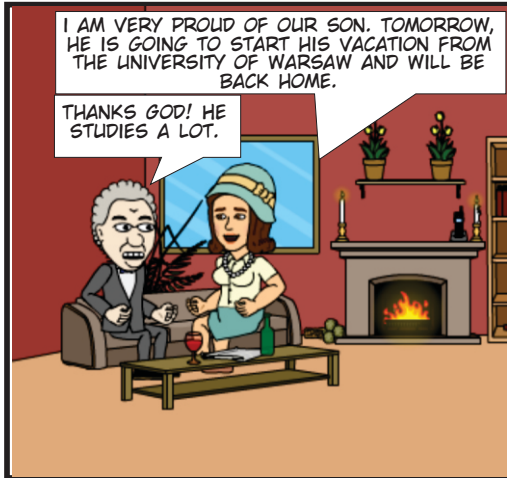
IN 1886, MARYA WENT TO WORK FOR THE FAMILY ZORAWSKI, IN COUNTRYSIDE OF POLAND.

MARYA, YOU WILL BE THE NANNY OF MY CHILDREN. HOWEVER, DURING THE SPARE TIME YOU ARE GOING TO TEACH THEM.

YES, MADAM.

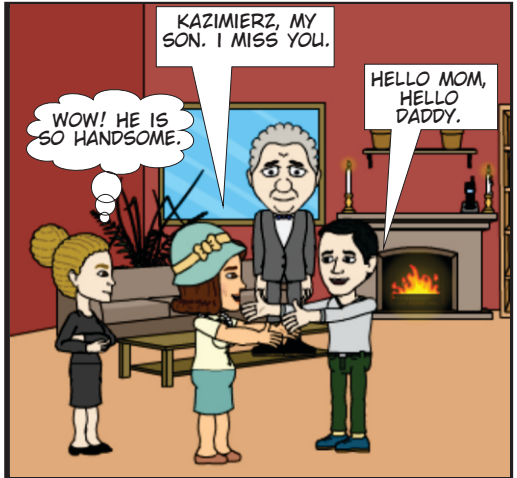


IT IS NICE THAT I WORK DURING DAY SHIFT AND I STUDY AT NIGHT.



I AM VERY PROUD OF OUR SON. TOMORROW, HE IS GOING TO START HIS VACATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW AND WILL BE BACK HOME.

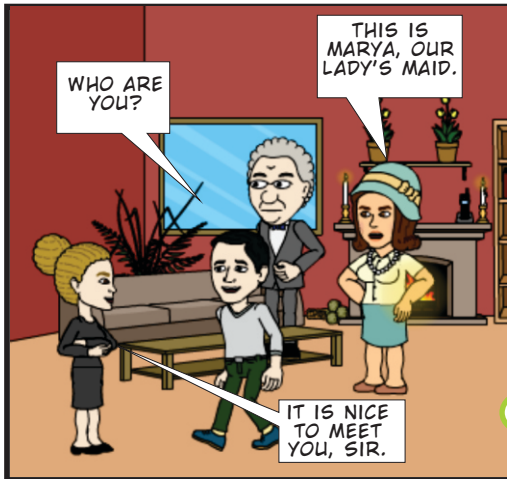
THANKS GOD! HE STUDIES A LOT.



KAZIMIERZ, MY SON. I MISS YOU.

WOW! HE IS SO HANDSOME.

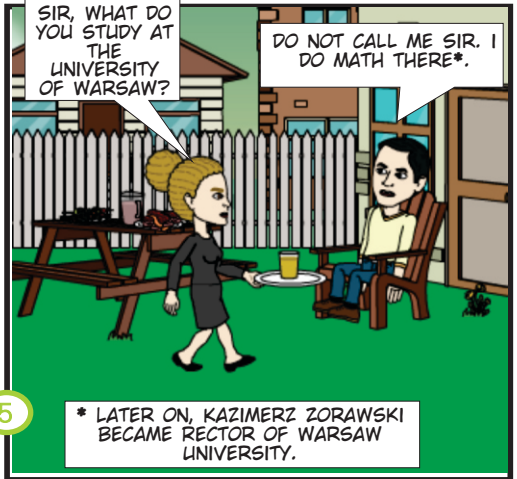
HELLO MOM, HELLO DADDY.



WHO ARE YOU?

THIS IS MARYA, OUR LADY'S MAID.

IT IS NICE TO MEET YOU, SIR.

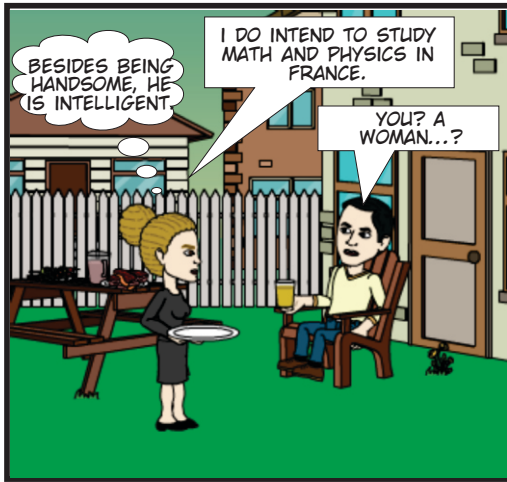


SIR, WHAT DO YOU STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW?

DO NOT CALL ME SIR. I DO MATH THERE*.

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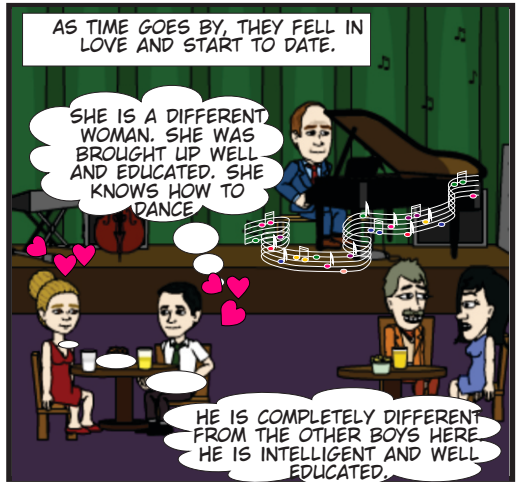
* LATER ON, KAZIMIERZ ZORAWSKI BECAME RECTOR OF WARSAW UNIVERSITY.



BESIDES BEING HANDSOME, HE IS INTELLIGENT.

I DO INTEND TO STUDY MATH AND PHYSICS IN FRANCE.

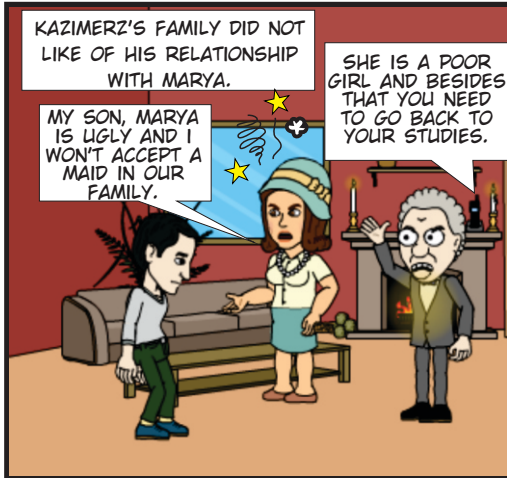
YOU? A WOMAN...?



AS TIME GOES BY, THEY FELL IN LOVE AND START TO DATE.

SHE IS A DIFFERENT WOMAN. SHE WAS BROUGHT UP WELL AND EDUCATED. SHE KNOWS HOW TO DANCE.

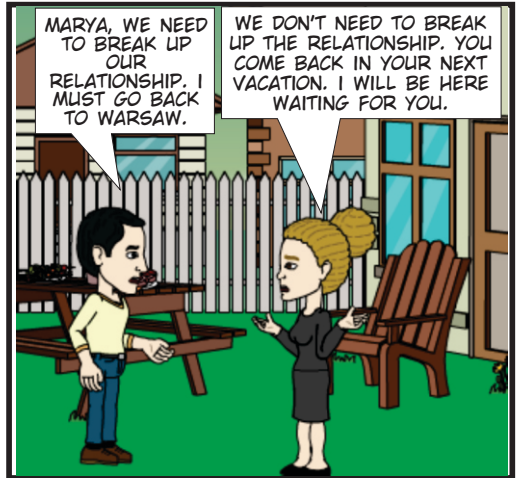
HE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER BOYS HERE HE IS INTELLIGENT AND WELL EDUCATED.



KAZIMERZ'S FAMILY DID NOT LIKE OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH MARYA.

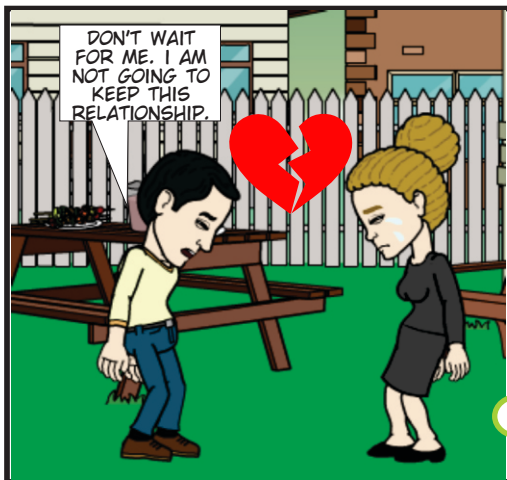
MY SON, MARYA IS UGLY AND I WON'T ACCEPT A MAID IN OUR FAMILY.

SHE IS A POOR GIRL AND BESIDES THAT YOU NEED TO GO BACK TO YOUR STUDIES.

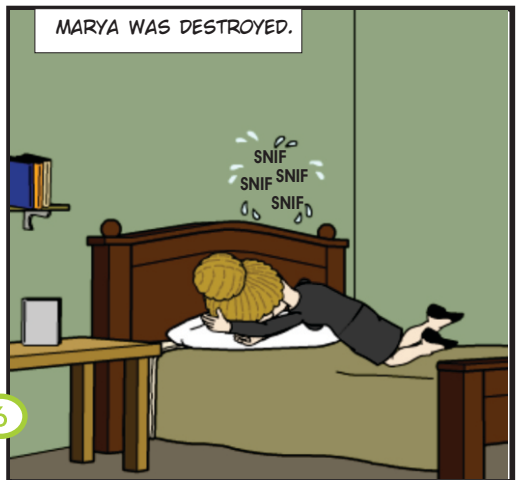


MARYA, WE NEED TO BREAK UP OUR RELATIONSHIP. I MUST GO BACK TO WARSAW.

WE DON'T NEED TO BREAK UP THE RELATIONSHIP. YOU COME BACK IN YOUR NEXT VACATION. I WILL BE HERE WAITING FOR YOU.



DON'T WAIT FOR ME. I AM NOT GOING TO KEEP THIS RELATIONSHIP.

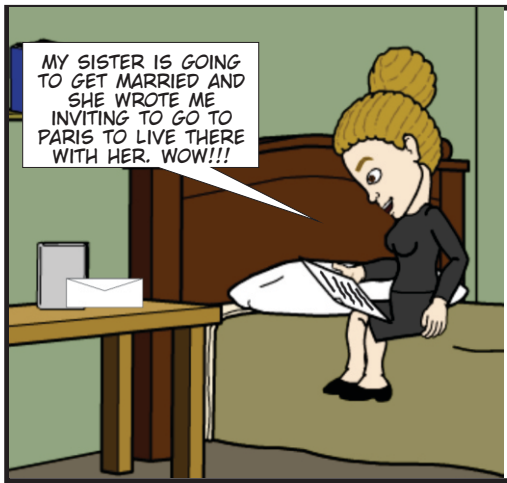


MARYA WAS DESTROYED.

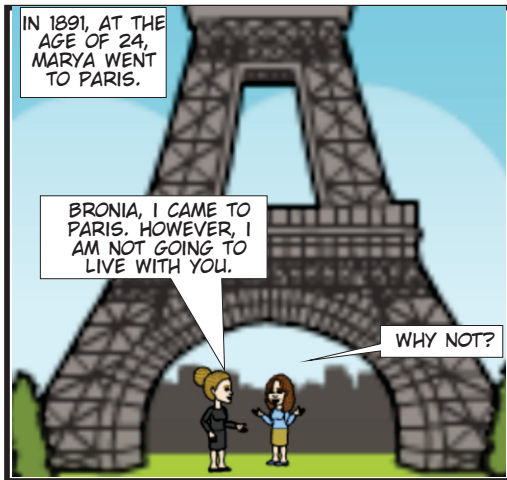
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I AM STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD UP MY FEELINGS AND CARRY ON WORKING. I WILL NEVER GIVE UP, NOT FOR PEOPLE NOR ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS.



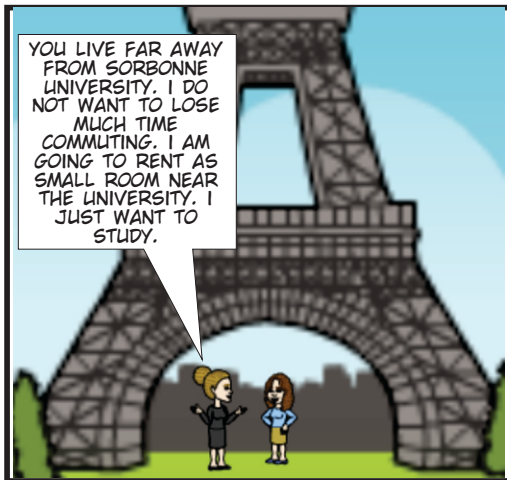
MY SISTER IS GOING TO GET MARRIED AND SHE WROTE ME INVITING TO GO TO PARIS TO LIVE THERE WITH HER. WOW!!!



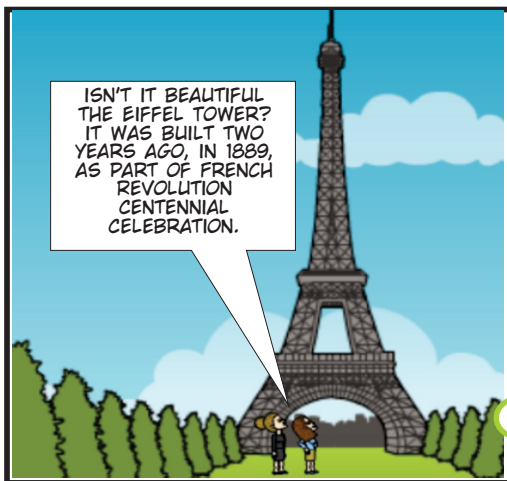
IN 1891, AT THE AGE OF 24, MARYA WENT TO PARIS.

BRONIA, I CAME TO PARIS. HOWEVER, I AM NOT GOING TO LIVE WITH YOU.

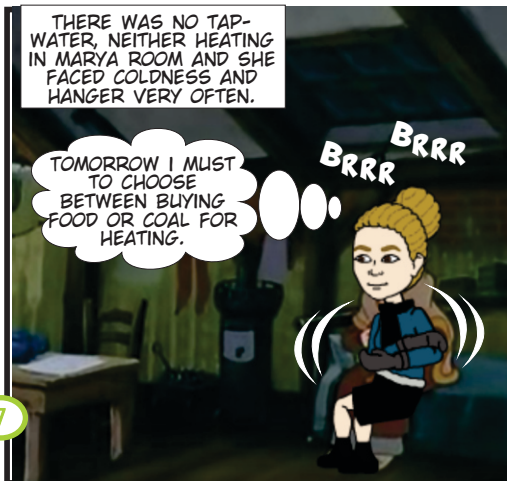
WHY NOT?



YOU LIVE FAR AWAY FROM SORBONNE UNIVERSITY. I DO NOT WANT TO LOSE MUCH TIME COMMUTING. I AM GOING TO RENT AS SMALL ROOM NEAR THE UNIVERSITY. I JUST WANT TO STUDY.



ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL THE EIFFEL TOWER? IT WAS BUILT TWO YEARS AGO, IN 1889, AS PART OF FRENCH REVOLUTION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.



THERE WAS NO TAP-WATER, NEITHER HEATING IN MARYA ROOM AND SHE FACED COLDNESS AND HANGER VERY OFTEN.

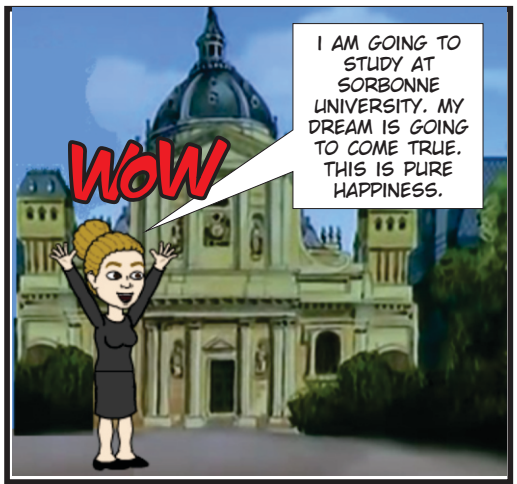
TOMORROW I MUST TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BUYING FOOD OR COAL FOR HEATING.

BRRR BRRR



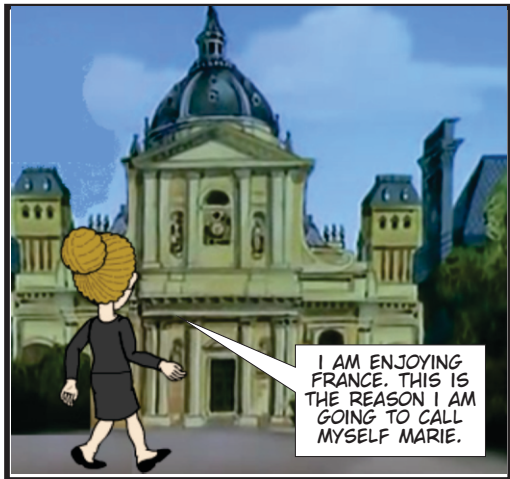
EVEN THOUGH...

HERE I AM COMPLETELY FREE FOR STUDYING. I AM VERY HAPPY BECAUSE I DO WHATEVER I WANT.

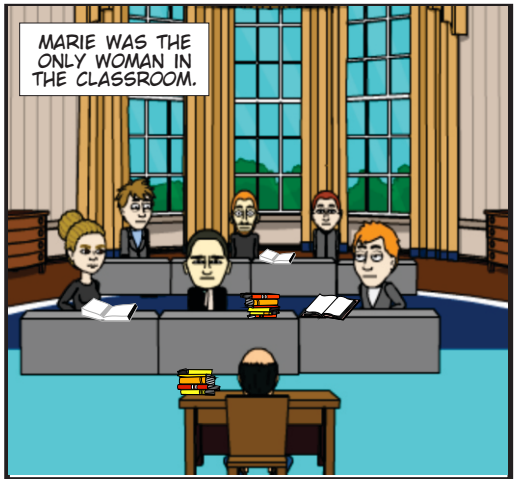


I AM GOING TO STUDY AT SORBONNE UNIVERSITY. MY DREAM IS GOING TO COME TRUE. THIS IS PURE HAPPINESS.

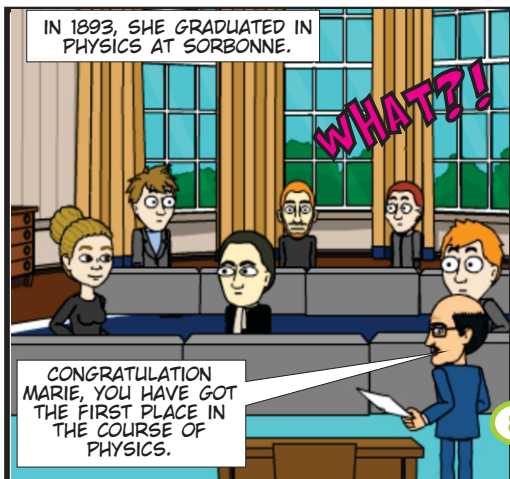
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I AM ENJOYING FRANCE. THIS IS THE REASON I AM GOING TO CALL MYSELF MARIE.



MARIE WAS THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE CLASSROOM.

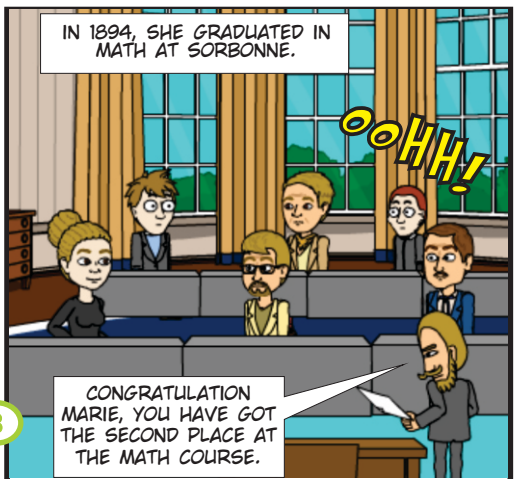


IN 1893, SHE GRADUATED IN PHYSICS AT SORBONNE.

WHAT?!

CONGRATULATION MARIE, YOU HAVE GOT THE FIRST PLACE IN THE COURSE OF PHYSICS.

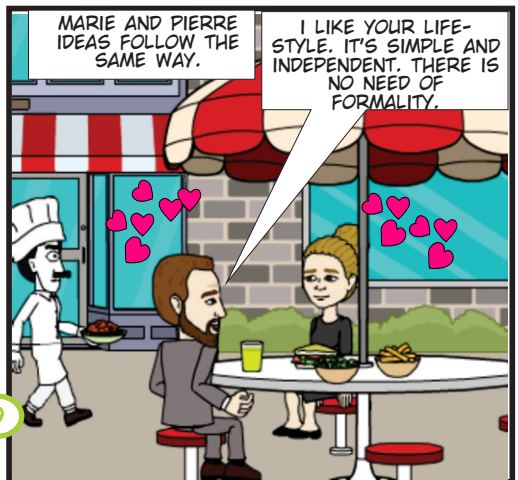
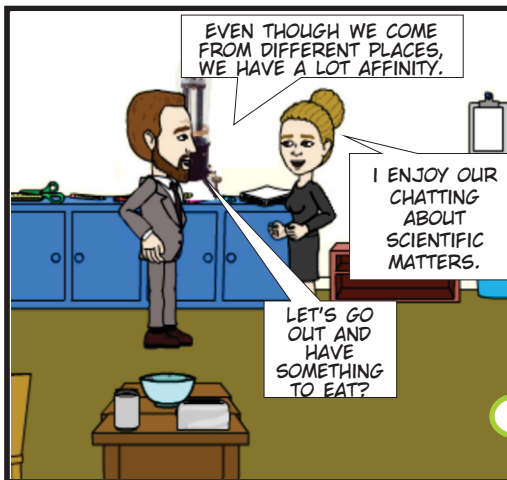
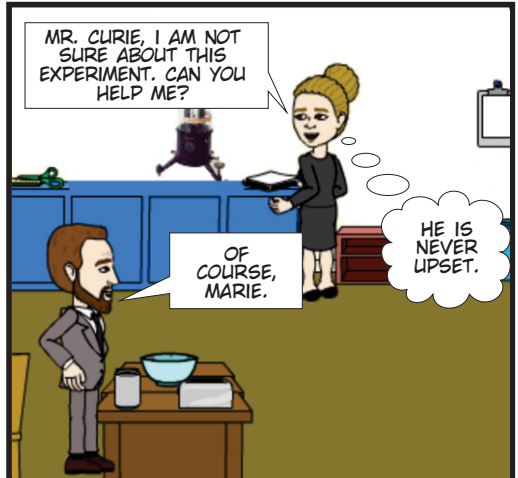
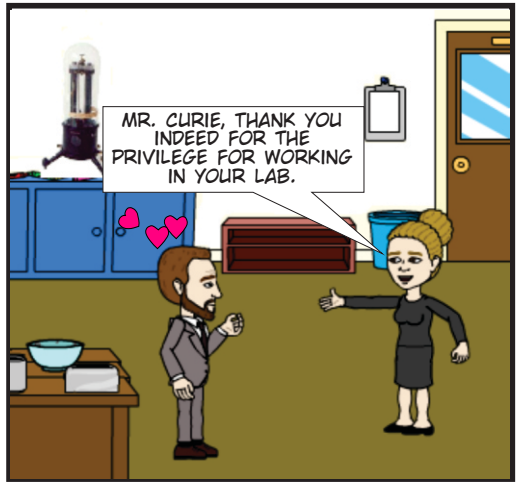
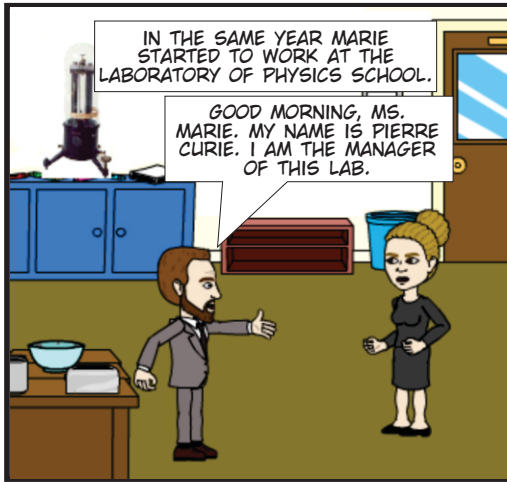
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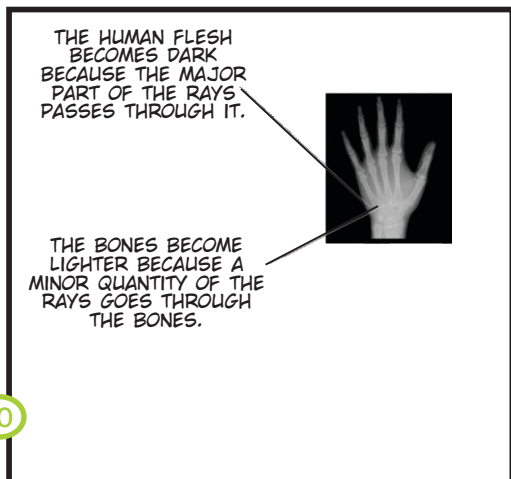
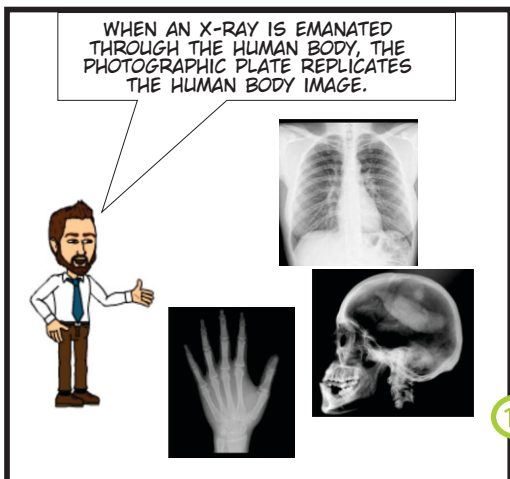
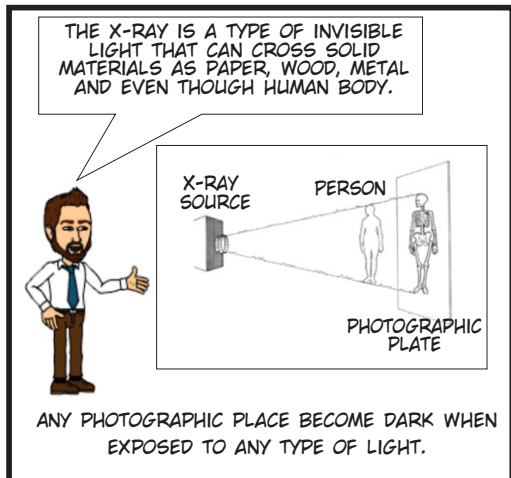
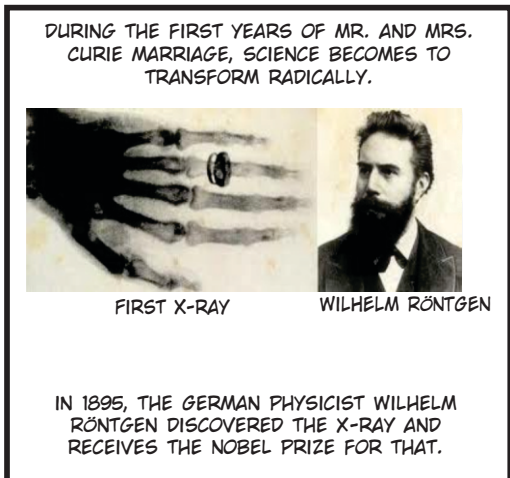
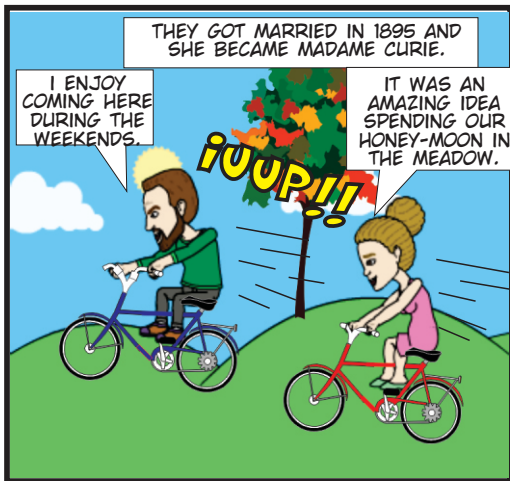


IN 1894, SHE GRADUATED IN MATH AT SORBONNE.

OOHH!

CONGRATULATION MARIE, YOU HAVE GOT THE SECOND PLACE AT THE MATH COURSE.





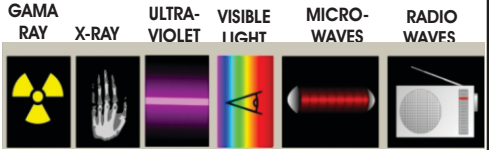
I AM GOING TO CALL IT X-RAY BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW ITS PHYSICAL PROPERTIES.



IN 1912, MAX THEODOR, PROVED THAT THE X-RAYS ARE ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATIONS FROM HIGH ENERGY.

ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES FROM X-RAY ARE DIFFERENT FROM ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES AND DIFFERENT FROM VISIBLE LIGHT RAYS AS WELL AS FROM RADIO WAVES BECAUSE THEY CARRY HIGH ENERGY, WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO THE RAY ITSELF PENETRATE INTO SOLID MATERIAL.

Electromagnetic spectrum



← WAVES THAT CAN PENETRATE MORE DEEPLY

THE DISCOVERY OF X-RAY HAS THRILLED THE ENTIRE WORLD. X-RAY WAS USED INDISCRIMINATELY. NOBODY KNEW HOW DANGEROUS HIGH DOSES OF X-RAY WERE THAT MAY DAMAGE THE HUMAN TISSUE EVEN THOUGH CAUSES CANCER.



NOWADAYS, THERE IS A NEED FOR USING LEAD-APRON (LEAD BLOCK X-RAY THROUGH IT) FOR PROTECTION WHEN HANDLING X-RAY IN HOSPITAL.



X-RAY CARRIES SEVERAL APPLICATIONS: MEDICINE, PHYSICS, ASTROPHYSICS, ASTRONOMY AND METALLURGIC INDUSTRY.

IT CAN DETECT CRACKS OR STRUCTURAL DEFECT IN SOME DEVICES



BROKEN BONES

IT IS POSSIBLE TO SEE THE INSIDE OF THE BODY WITHOUT MAKING CUTS

IT CAN BE USED IN AIRPORTS TO EXAMINE THE INTERIOR OF LUGGAGE ALLOWING SAFETY AND SPEEDING.



THE DISCOVERY OF X-RAY HAS REVOLUTIONIZED MEDICAL TREATMENT WHICH STARTS THE MODERN AGE OF PHYSICS. IT HELPS MARIE CURIE WITH THE DISCOVERY OF RADIOACTIVITY.

X-RAY



RADIOACTIVITY



NUCLEAR ENERGY



IN 1896, HENRY BECQUEREL, A FRENCH CHEMIST, CAME ACROSS TO A GREAT DISCOVERY WHILE HE WAS DOING AN EXPERIMENT WITH X-RAY.

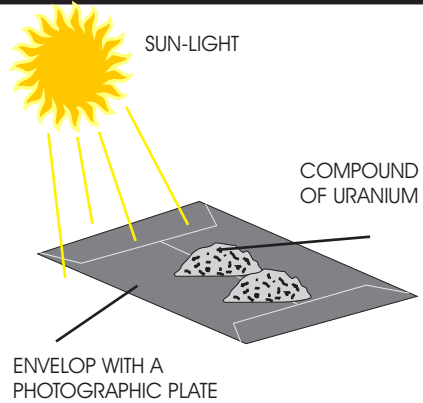
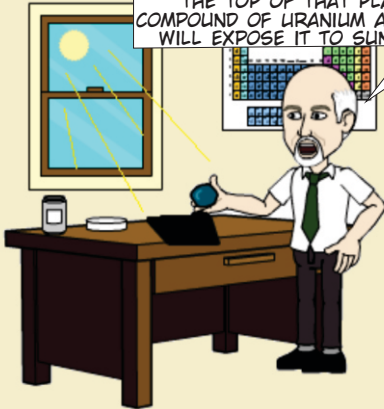


HOW INTERESTING! SOME CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE BECOMES BRIGHT WHEN X-RAY IS PASSING THROUGH IT.

SHALL OTHER SUBSTANCES PRODUCE X-RAY WHETHER THEY ARE EXPOSED TO SUN-LIGHT? LET ME TRY URANIUM. SOL? VOU TESTAR O URÂNIO?



LET ME WRAP THIS PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATE INTO BLACK-PAPER AND ON THE TOP OF THAT PLACE A COMPOUND OF URANIUM AND THEN I WILL EXPOSE IT TO SUN-LIGHT.



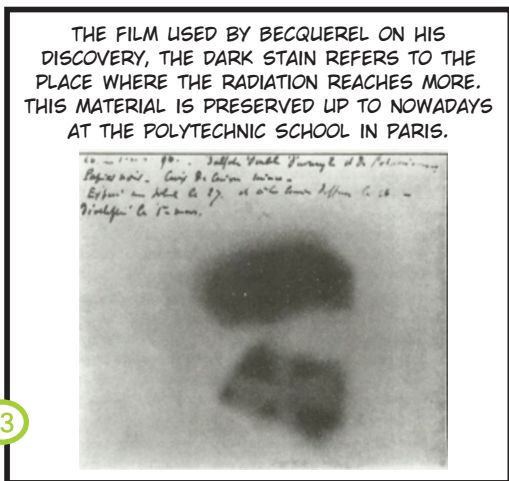
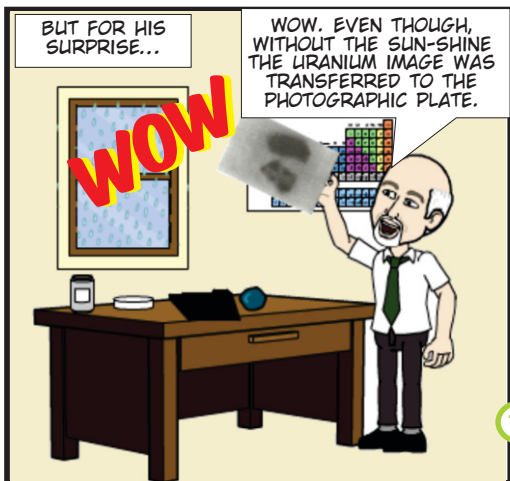
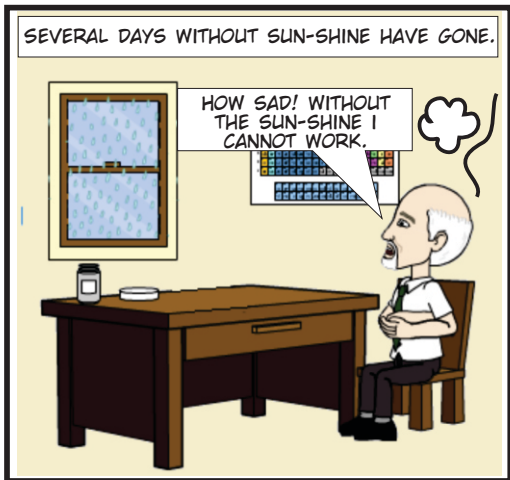
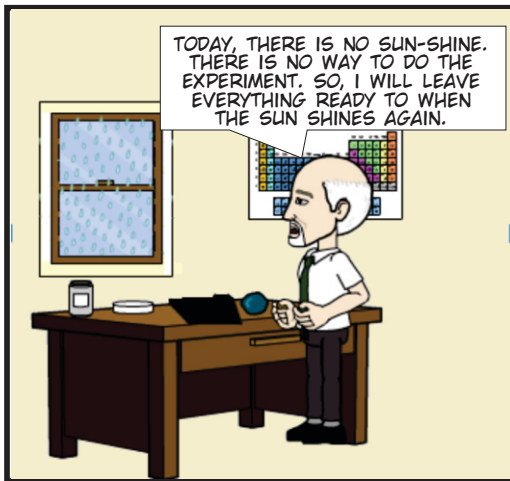
BY CONSIDERING THAT URANIUM CARRIES X-RAY, THE SUN-LIGHT WILL REGISTER IT ON THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATE.



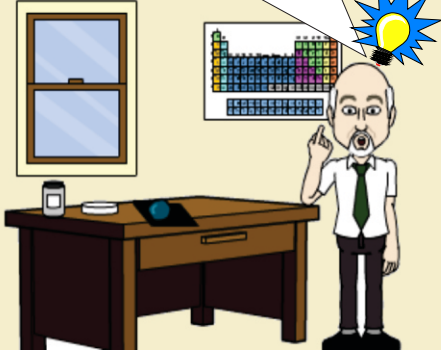
I WAS RIGHT! URANIUM EMIT X-RAY.



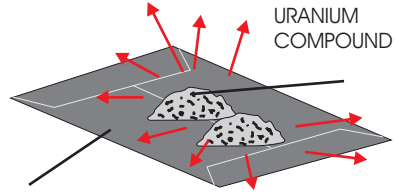
IT WAS NOT RIGHT LIKE THAT.



THIS IMPLIES THAT THE URANIUM ITSELF IS EMITTING SOME TYPE OF RAY. IT IS EMITTING SELF-ENERGY.

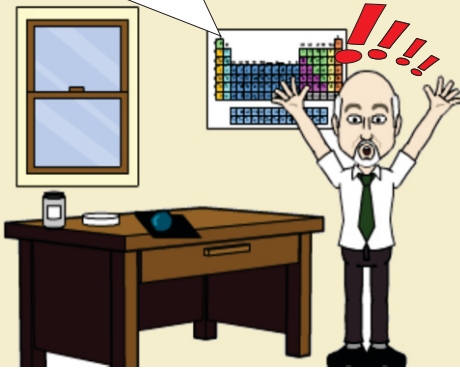


INVISIBLE RADIATION

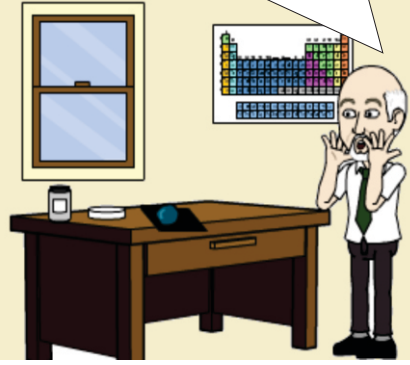


ENVELOP WITH PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATE

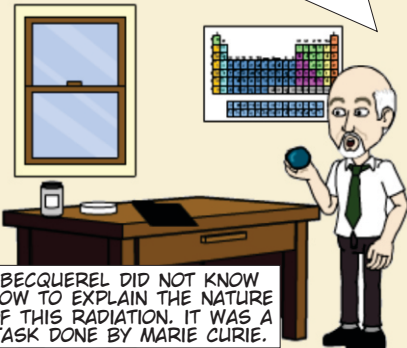
...AND THEY SHOULD BE STRONG RAYS, CAPABLE FOR GOING THROUGH THE DARK-PAPER AND REACH THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATE EXACTLY AS X-RAY DOES.



I MUST INVESTIGATE THIS RADIATION. AFTER ALL THEY ARE NOT LIKE THE X-RAYS. THIS ENERGY HAS THE CAPACITY FOR PENETRATING MUCH DEEPER THE MATTER WITH MUCH MORE STRENGTH THAN THE X-RAYS DO.

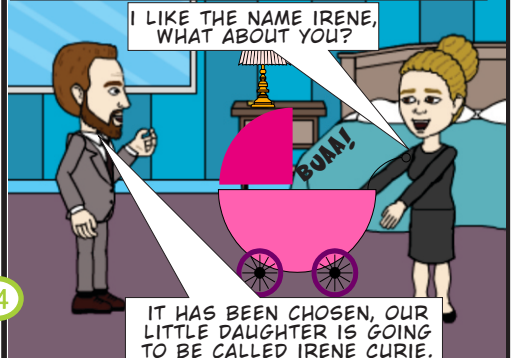


MOREOVER, THIS URANIUM COMPOUND EMITS A CONSTANT FLUX OF LIGHT OF THIS KIND OF RADIATION, IN THE LIGHT OR IN THE DARK AND IN ALL DIRECTIONS.



BECQUEREL DID NOT KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN THE NATURE OF THIS RADIATION. IT WAS A TASK DONE BY MARIE CURIE.

IN 1897, MR. AND MRS. CURIE'S FIRST DAUGHTER WAS BORN. LATER IN THE FUTURE, SHE BECAME ONE OF THE BEST COMPANIONS OF HER MOTHER FOR DOING RESEARCH AND RECEIVED A NOBEL PRIZE.





MARIE, IT IS ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO GO BACK ON YOUR RESEARCHES.

OF COURSE! I FIND VERY INTERESTING RÖNTGEN AND BECQUEREL DISCOVERIES.

I WAS THINKING ABOUT WHAT COULD BE THE NATURE OF THAT RADIATION. WHAT ARE THOSE RAYS? WHAT KIND ENERGY IS IT AND WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

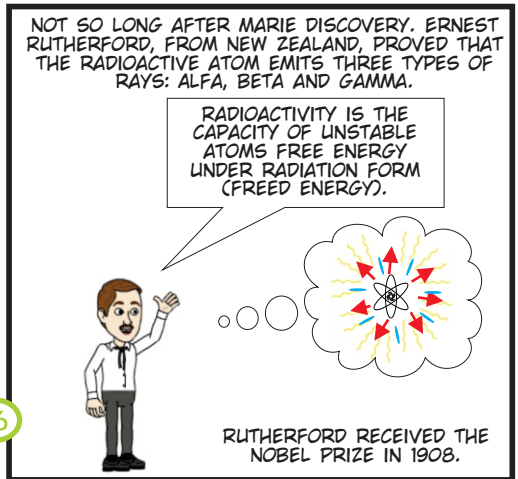
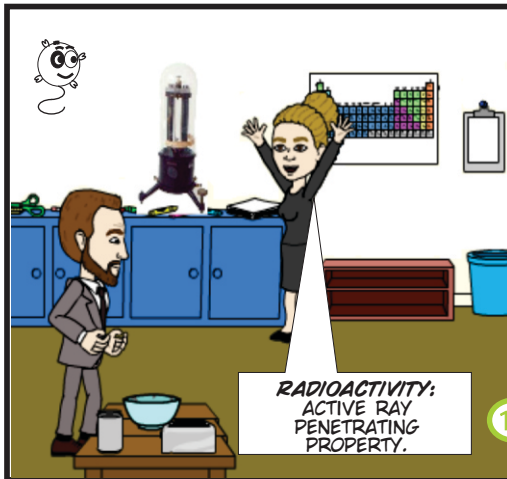
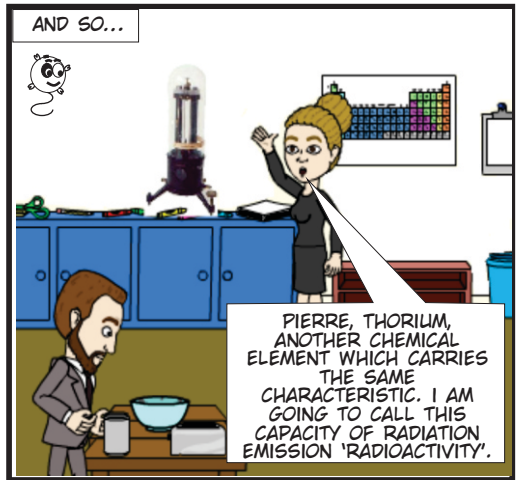
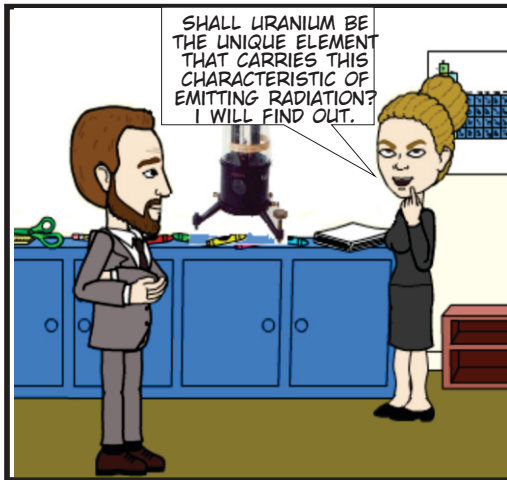
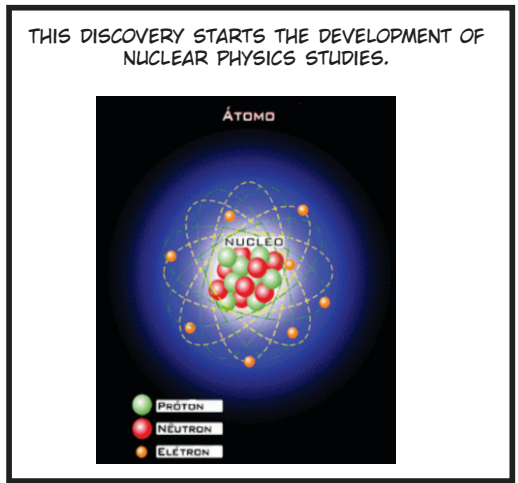
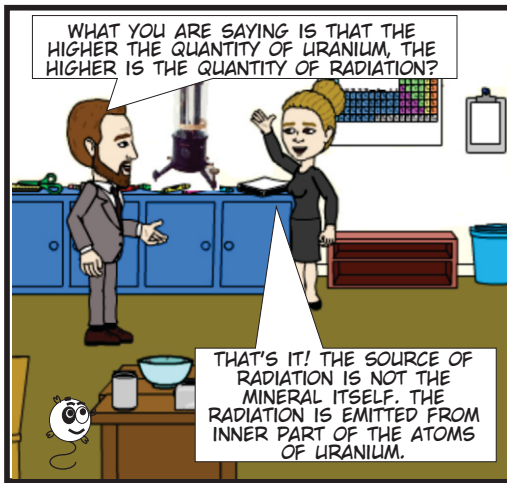
YES, YOU ARE RIGHT. BECQUEREL DID NOT EXPLAIN THAT.

AND WHY THESE RAYS ARE EMITTED FROM A MINERAL? IS THERE ANYTHING IN THIS MINERAL THAT RELEASES THE RAYS ITSELF?

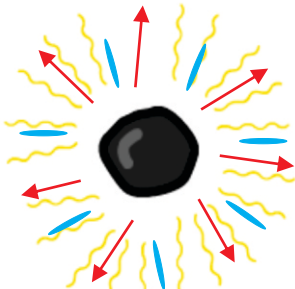
POWERFUL RAYS TO CROSS THROUGH THE DARK-PAPER AND ALTER THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATE. IT'S LIKE THERE WAS A PIECE OF SUN INSIDE THE ROCK.

AFTER SOME EXPERIMENTATION BEING DONE...

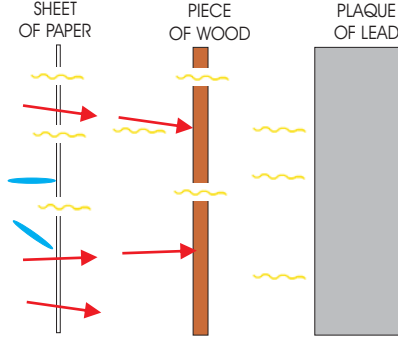
THE RAY-POWER IS DIRECTLY IN PROPORTION TO THE AMOUNT OF URANIUM THAT COMPRISES THE MINERAL.



- ALFA RAYS ARE ABLE TO GO THROUGH A SHEET OF PAPER.
- BETA RAYS ARE ABLE TO GO DEEPER BUT CAN BE BLOCKED BY A PIECE OF WOOD 2,5CM. (1 INCH)
- GAMMA RAYS ARE EXTREMELY PENETRATING AND ENERGETIC. GAMMA RAYS ARE BLOCKED ONLY BY THICK PLAQUE OF LEAD.



SCIENCE STARTS THE NUCLEAR ENERGY ERA.



IT WAS NOT ONLY RADIOACTIVITY THAT MARIE DISCOVERED IN 1898...

IT'S STRANGE ENOUGH. THIS URANIUM MINERAL, URANINITE IS MORE RADIOACTIVE THAN URANIUM ITSELF.

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE?

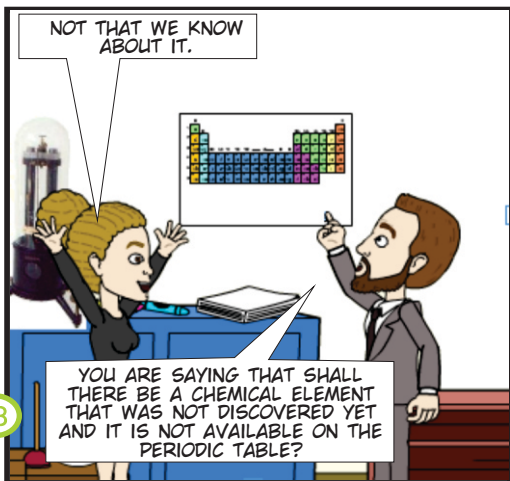
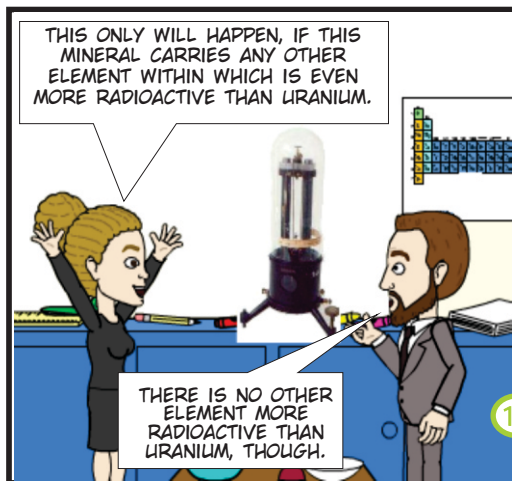
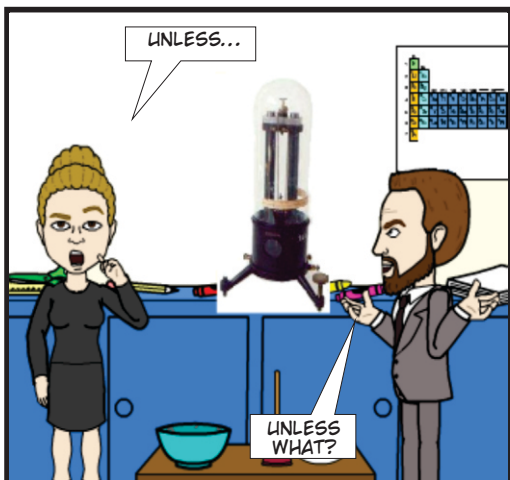
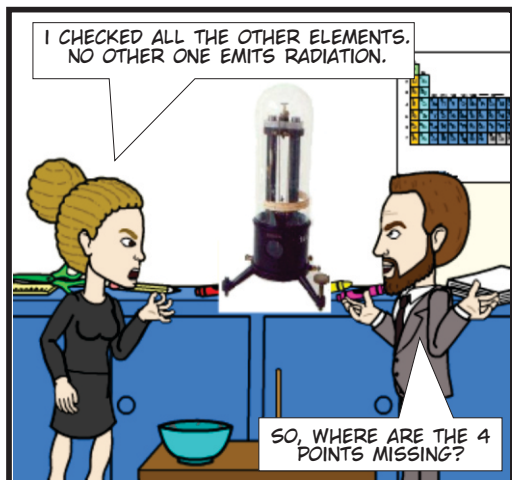
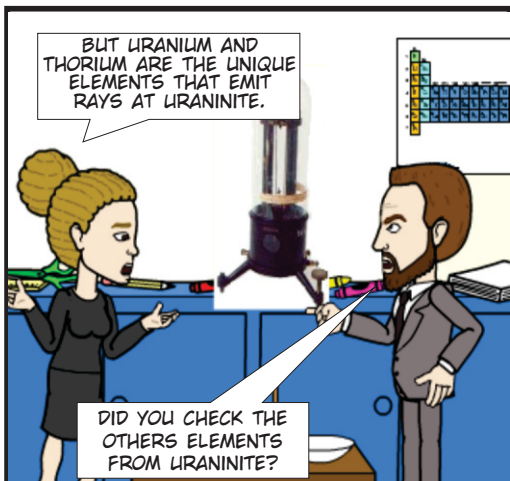
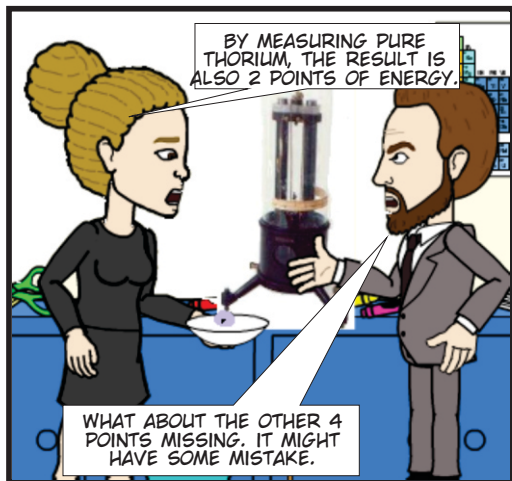
SEE THIS. AFTER BEING GROUND, URANINITE WHICH IS COMPRISED OF URANIUM AND THORIUM - ELEMENTS THE EMIT RADIATION.

I PLACED IT ON THE ELECTROMETER THAT YOU HAVE DEVELOPED TO MEASURE THE AMOUNT OF RADIATION.

THE RESULT IS 8 POINTS OF RADIATION.

NOW AFTER BEING SEPARATED FROM URANIUM WHICH IS PRESENT AT URANINITE AND CHECK THE AMOUNT OF RADIATION IN THE PURE URANIUM. THE RESULT IS 2 POINTS.

THERE ARE 6 POINTS OF RADIATION MISSING.

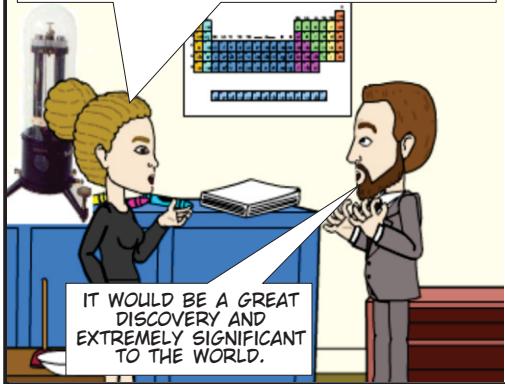


DURING THE TIME THAT MARIE CURIE STARTED HER STUDIES, THE SCIENTISTS ONLY KNOW 83 CHEMICAL ELEMENTS.

PERIODIC TABLE

H	He											Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F	Ne																							
Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar											K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr							
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe											Cs	Ba	La-Lu	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi
																		La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu										

EXACTLY. IF THIS ELEMENT EXISTS, IT MAY BE PRESENT IN VERY LOW QUANTITIES CONSIDERING THAT NOBODY HAS IDENTIFIED IT YET.



IT WOULD BE A GREAT DISCOVERY AND EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT TO THE WORLD.

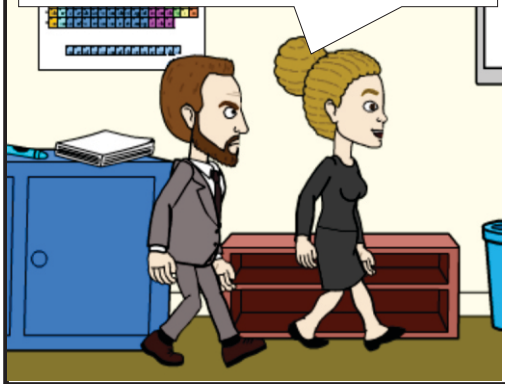
IF YOU SEPARATED ALL ELEMENTS FROM URANINITE, WHERE IS THE OTHER ELEMENT?



IN THE GARBAGE.

WHAT?

DURING THE SEPARATION PROCESS, THE LAST STEP IS FILTRATION. THEN, THE OTHER ELEMENT MIGHT BE ON THE PAPER I USE TO FILTER AND AFTER THAT I THROW IT AWAY.

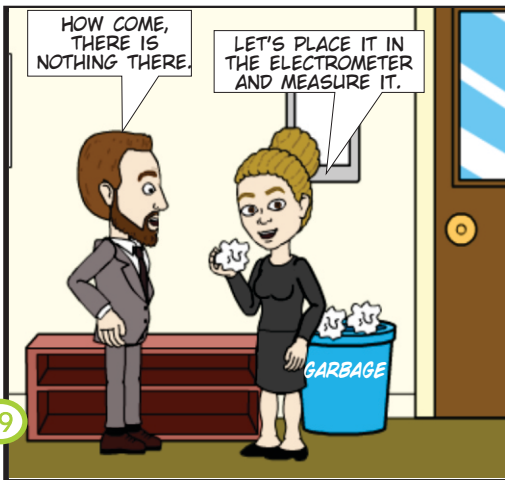


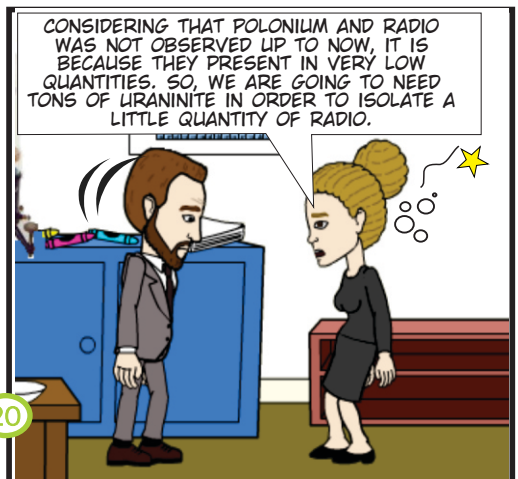
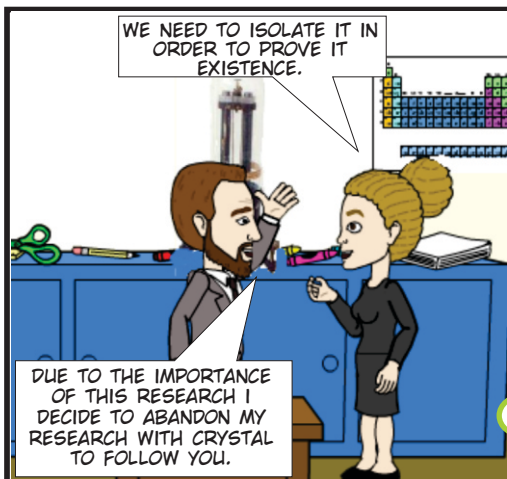
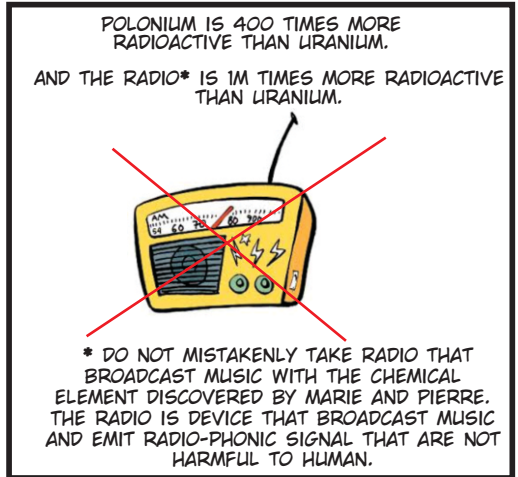
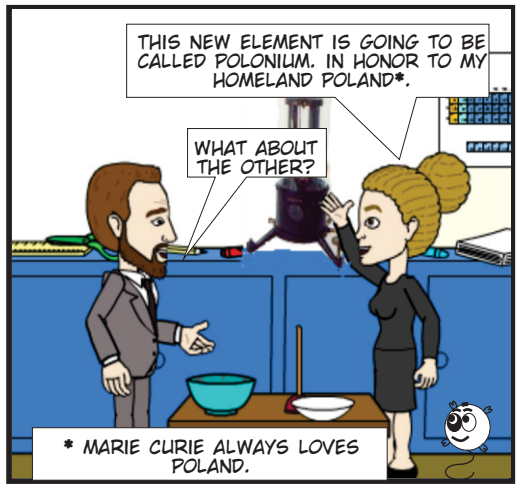
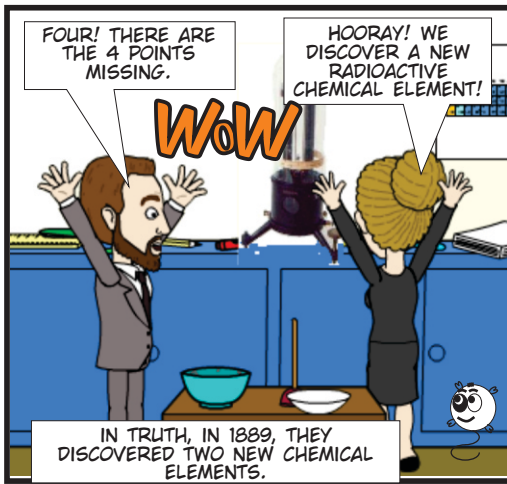
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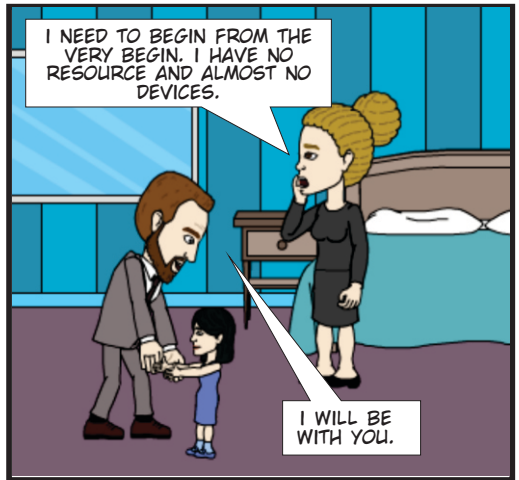
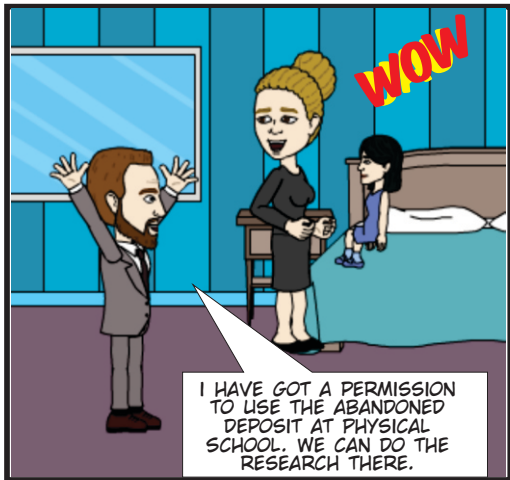
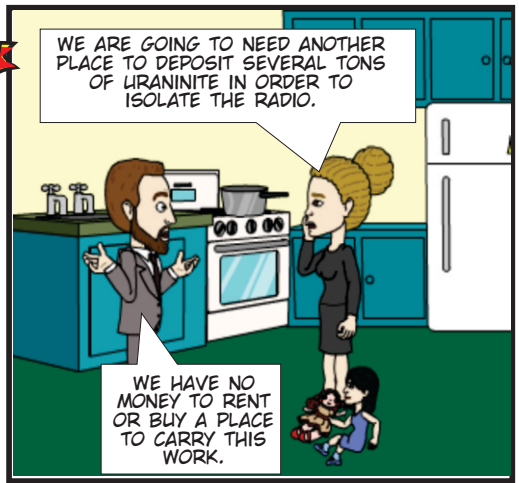
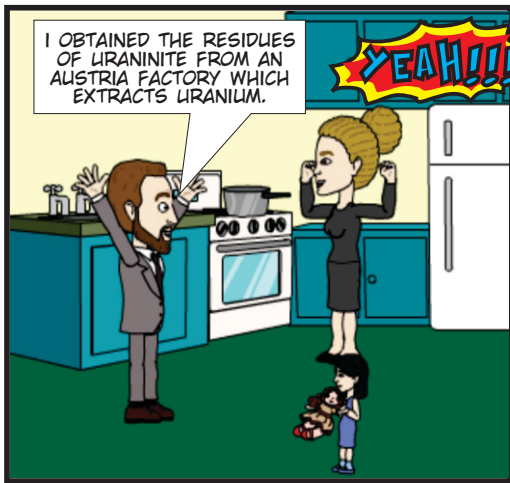


HOW COME, THERE IS NOTHING THERE.

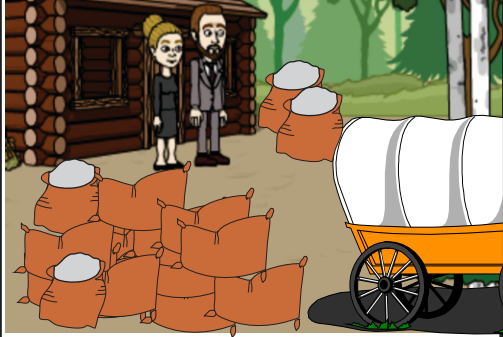
LET'S PLACE IT IN THE ELECTROMETER AND MEASURE IT.







THE RESIDUES OF URANINITE WERE DELIVERED TO THEM AND THEY HAD A LOT OF WORK TO DO.



THEY HAVE TO EXTRACT THE RADIO: REDUCE THE MINERAL TO PURE RADIO POWDER TO STUDY ITS PROPERTIES.

TO GRIND



TO BOIL



EACH STEP OF THE PROCESS WAS REGISTERED AT THE LAB DIARY. IT WAS A LONG, BORING, AND DIFFICULT.

TO FILTER



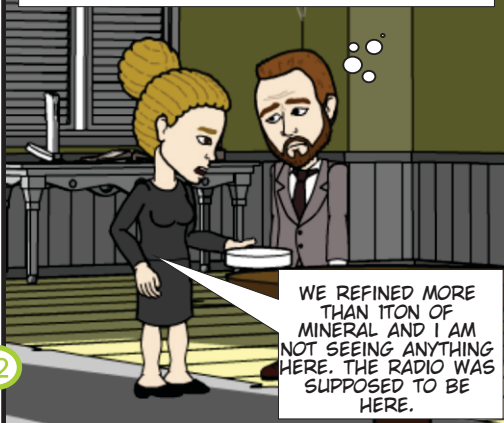
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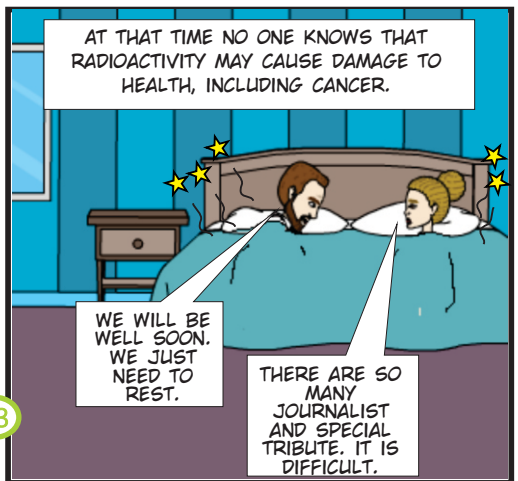
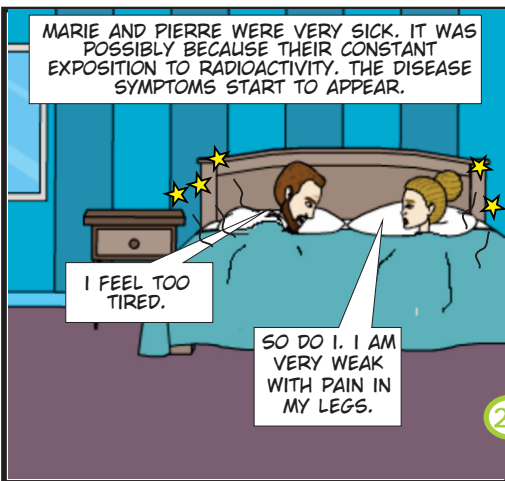
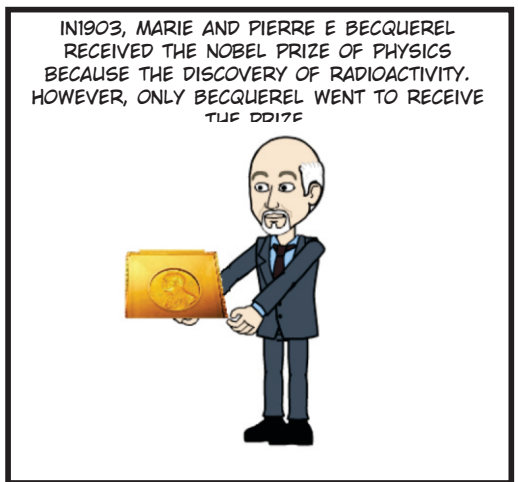
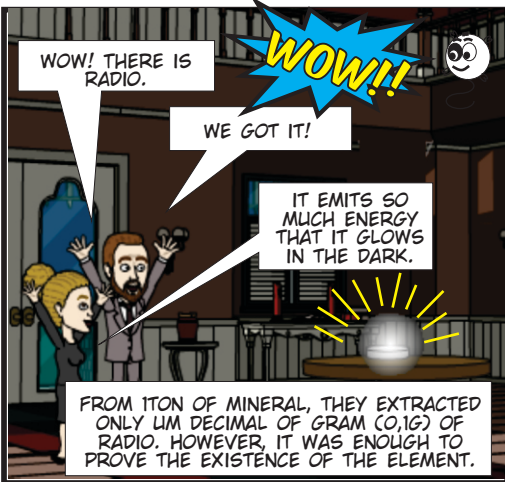
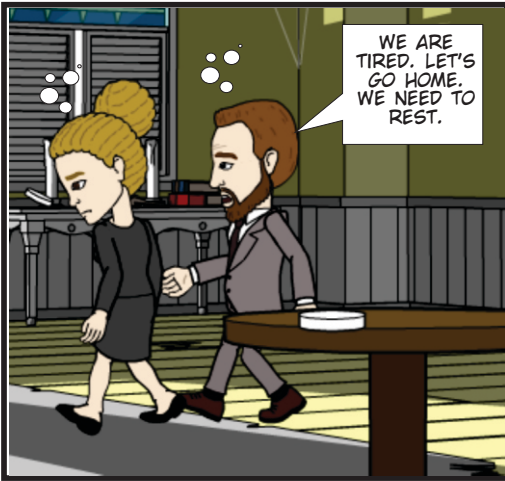


THEY WERE VERY HAPPY CONSIDERING THE HARD WORK CONDITION. THEY WERE PARTNER WITHOUT DIFFERENT DUTIES.

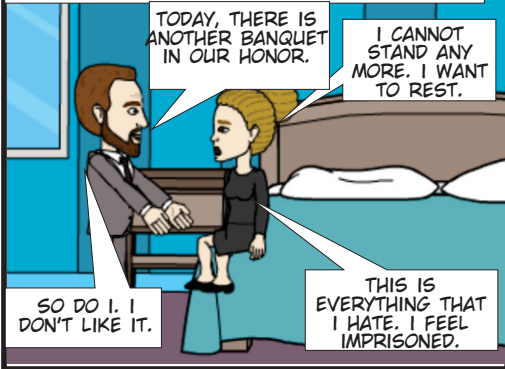


AFTER 4 YEARS WORKING HARD, IN 1902.

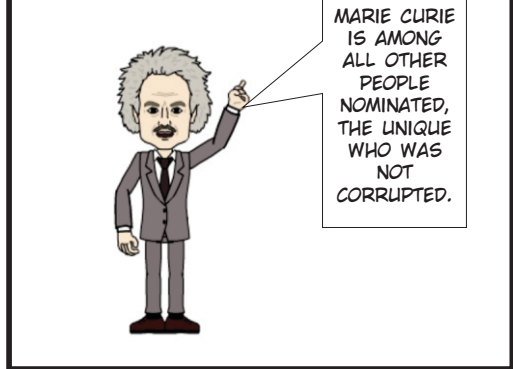




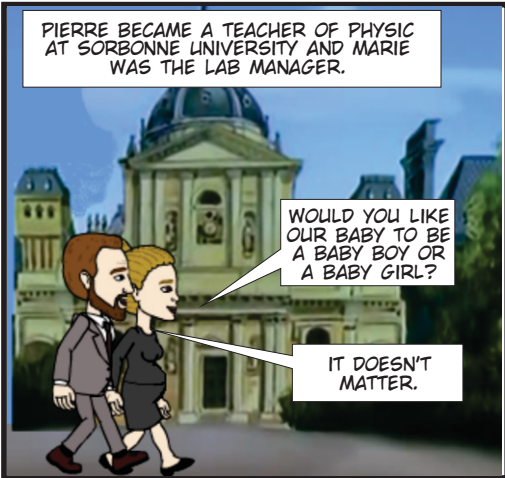
PIERRE AND MARIE CURIE BECOME THE HEADLINES OF NEWSPAPERS AND GUEST FOR BANQUETS, HONORABLE AND TRIBUTE PARTIES. THEY WERE SURROUNDED BY PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CURIOUS PEOPLE.



EINSTEIN, WHO HAS KNOWN MARIE CURIE CLOSED ENOUGH TO SAY:



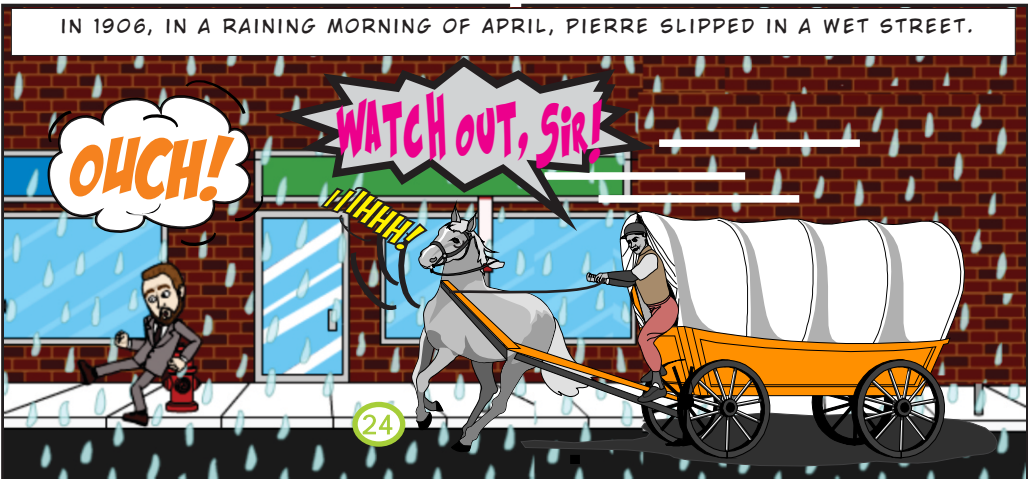
PIERRE BECAME A TEACHER OF PHYSIC AT SORBONNE UNIVERSITY AND MARIE WAS THE LAB MANAGER.

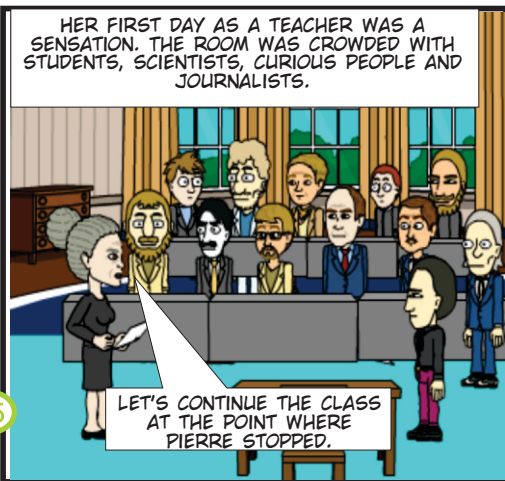
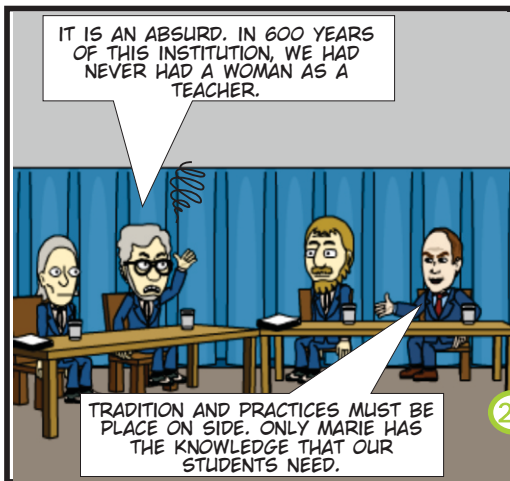
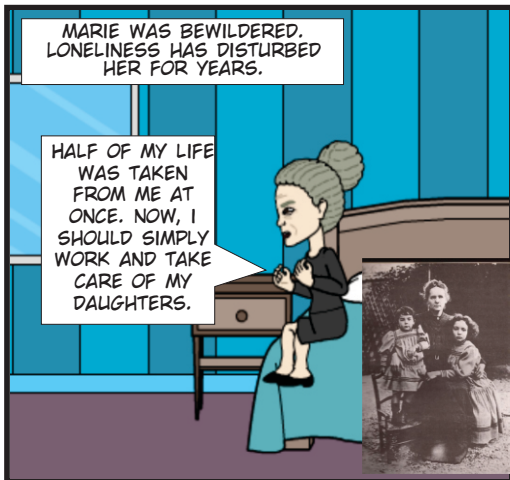
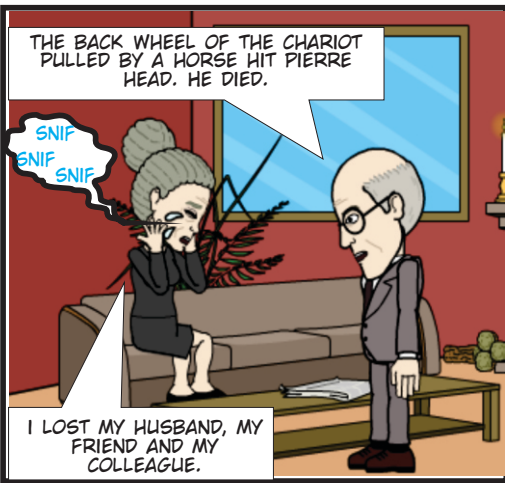
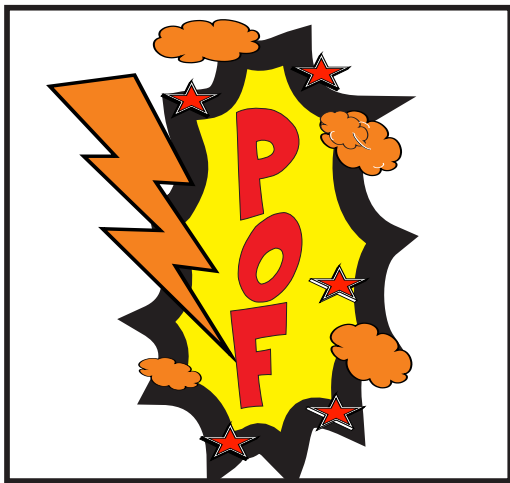


IN 1905 EVE WAS BORN. MARIE WAS A DEDICATED MOTHER.



IN 1906, IN A RAINING MORNING OF APRIL, PIERRE SLIPPED IN A WET STREET.





IN THE FOLLOWING DAY, ON NOVEMBER 6TH OF 1906, THE NEWSPAPER "LE JOURNAL" PUBLISHED:



OTHER RESEARCHES WERE CONTINUING TO CARRY ON. INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF RADIO HELPS THE TREATMENT CANCER DISEASE.



THIS DISCOVERY LED MARIE CURIE TO BE EVEN MORE FAMOUS.

THE NEW ELEMENT RADIO BECOMES TO BE USED IN SEVERAL PRODUCTS:
FACIAL TREATMENT; CREAM FOR ELIMINATING FACIAL LINES AND PIMPLES; SHAMPOOS; SALTS FOR BATHING AND TOOTH PASTE.



SPARKLING WITH RADON GAS.



MAKE-UP POWDER WITH RADIO

THIS WAS THE HEYDAY OF RADIO WHICH ONLY ENDED AROUND 1927 WHEN IT BECAME PROVED THAT RADIATION CAN KILL THE CELLS AND CAUSE CANCER.



BY SEEING THIS SYMBOL, BE AWARE. THERE IS RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL AND IT IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HANDLED DUE TO THE RISK OF RADIATION LEAKAGE.

HOWEVER, THE SAME RADIO THAT CAN KILL CAN BE ALSO USED TO CANCER THERAPY. THE RADIO THERAPY IS USED NOWADAYS TO ELIMINATE THE CANCER-CELLS. IT HAS ALREADY SAVED AND EXTENDED MANY HUMAN LIVES.



IN 1908...

HELLO MRS. CURIE. I AM PAUL LANGEVIN. A FORMER STUDENT OF PIERRE CURIE, I AM GOING TO START TO WORK IN THIS LAB.



WELCOME HERE, MR. LANGEVIN.

THEY STARTED TO GET IN TOUCH FREQUENTLY AND HAVING SEVERAL SCIENTIFIC DIALOGUES. THEY SOON FELL IN LOVE TO EACH OTHER.



THEY BEGAN HAVING A RELATIONSHIP IN 1908.

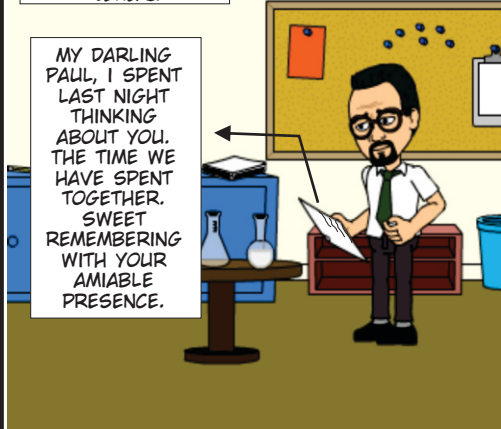
OUR PROBLEM IS THAT YOU ARE A MARRIED MAN.

MY WIFE AND I ARE NOT GETTING ALONG WELL.



THEY EXCHANGE ROMANTIC LETTERS.

MY DARLING PAUL, I SPENT LAST NIGHT THINKING ABOUT YOU. THE TIME WE HAVE SPENT TOGETHER. SWEET REMEMBERING WITH YOUR AMIABLE PRESENCE.

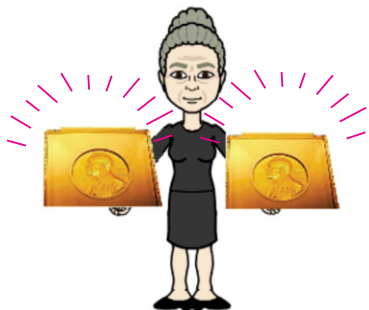


IN 1911 MARIE CURIE WAS AWARDED BY THE NOBEL PRIZE, AT THIS TIME FOR CHEMISTRY FOR THE DISCOVERY OF THE TWO NEW CHEMICAL ELEMENTS: RADIO AND POLONIUM.



MARIE CURIE WAS:

- THE FIRST WOMAN TO TEACH AT SORBONNE FRENCH UNIVERSITY;
- THE FIRST WOMAN TO RECEIVE THE NOBEL PRIZE
- THE FIRST PERSON TO RECEIVE TWO NOBEL PRIZES.



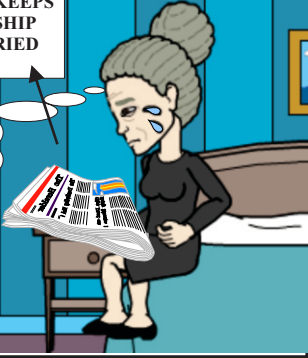
MARIE CURIE BECAME THE ROLE-MODEL TO MANY OTHER WOMEN. SHE HAS SHOWN THAT WOMEN CAN BE EFFICIENT WITHOUT ABANDON THEIR FAMILY. SHE OPENED NEW POSSIBILITIES TO ALL OTHERS WOMEN.



JUST AFTER RECEIVING THE SECOND NOBEL PRIZE, HER LOVE LETTERS WAS PUBLISHED BY THE NEWSPAPERS.

MARIE CURIE KEEPS A RELATIONSHIP WITH A MARRIED MAN.

MY FEELINGS WERE EXPOSED TO THE PUBLIC.



I WILL RETURN TO MY FAMILY. THIS IS THE BEST I CAN DO TO INHIBIT THE SCANDAL.



I LOST MY REPUTATION. MY NAME IS INFAMOUS ALL OVER EUROPE IN ALL TABLOIDS.

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IN 1912 AND 1913 MARIE CURIE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL FOR TREATING A SERIES OF DISEASES, INCLUDING RENAL DISEASE SHE MIGHT HAVE ACQUIRED BECAUSE OF RADIATION. WHEN SHE GOT BETTER SHE DEDICATED TO RADIO STUDIES.



IN 1914 THE FIRST WORLD WAR BEGAN.



MARIE WAS VERY PATRIOTIC.

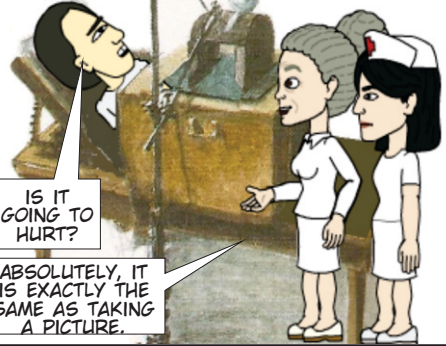
I AM GOING TO USE SCIENCE AND TO THINK ABOUT THE NATIONAL INTEREST.



I WILL ASSEMBLE A MOBILE UNIT TO HELP TREAT THE SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN THE WAR.



WE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE BOMB FRAGMENTS INSIDE YOUR BODY.



IS IT GOING TO HURT?

ABSOLUTELY, IT IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS TAKING A PICTURE.

SHE TRAINED NURSES TO USE THE MOBILE X-RAY MACHINE. ONE OF THE NURSES WAS HER DAUGHTER IRENE, AT THE AGE OF 18. THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MOTHER AND DAUGHTER WILL LAST FOR ALL MARIE CURIE LIFE.



ALTOGETHER, MARIE CREATED 20 MOBILE UNITS ("LITTLE CURIES") TO THE END OF THE WAR. MORE THAN ONE MILLION WOUNDED SOLDIERS RECEIVED TREATMENT.

YOU DON'T MIND OF NOT FEEDING WELL AND NEITHER HAVING A RIGHT PLACE FOR SLEEPING?



I AM GLAD FOR BEING HELPFUL.

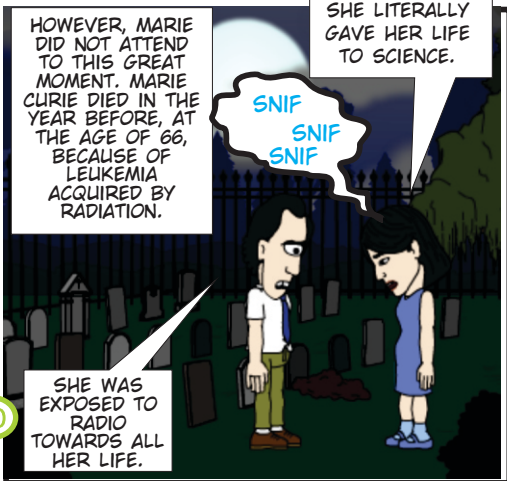
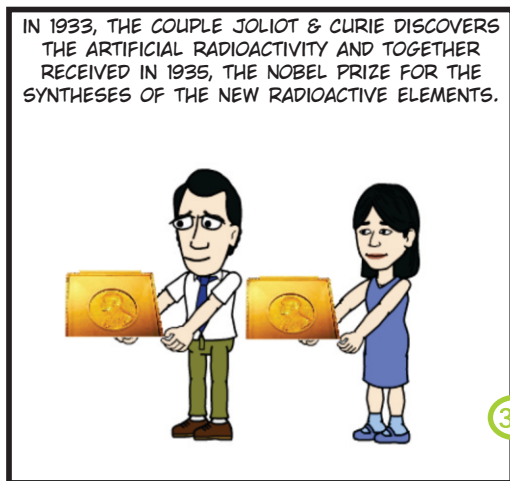
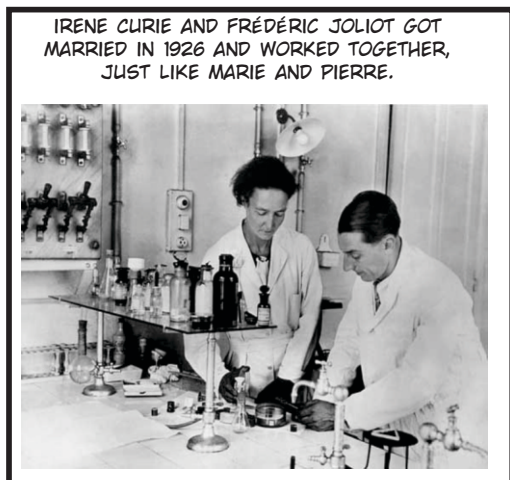
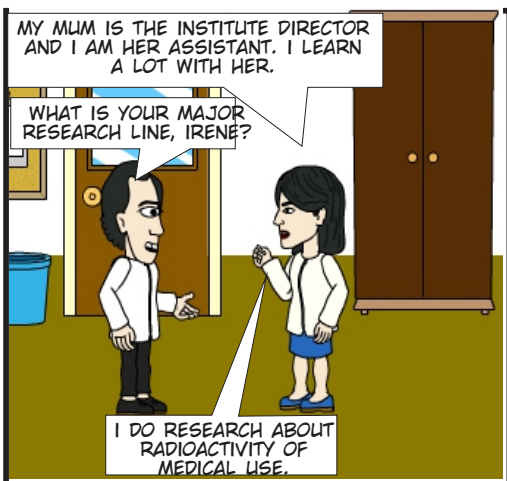
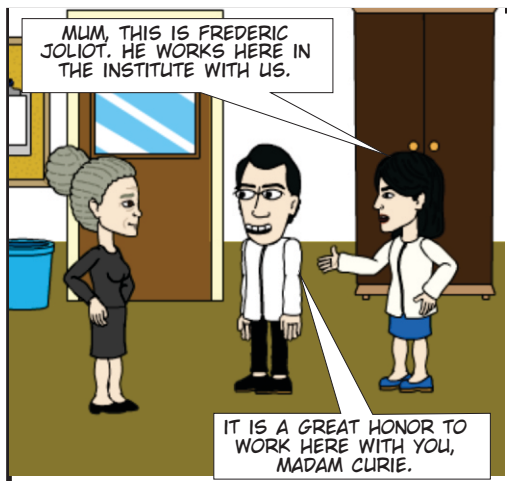
THE ONLY THING THAT LEFT MARIE AWAY FROM HER DUTIES WAS HER UNEXPLAINED DISEASE.

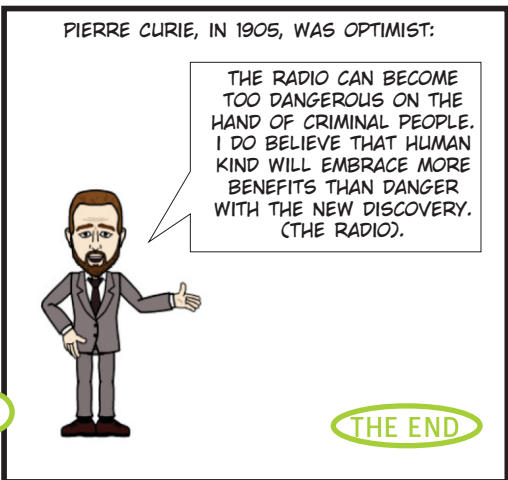
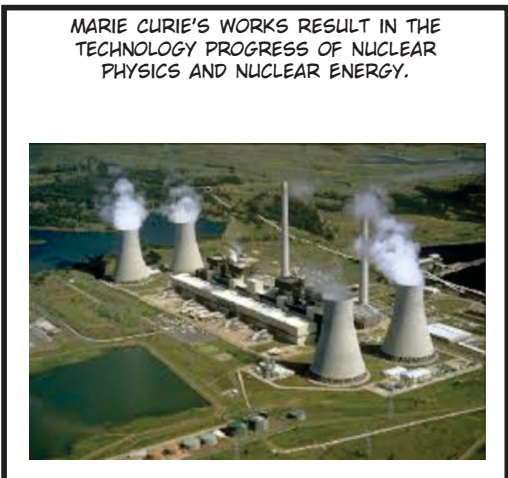
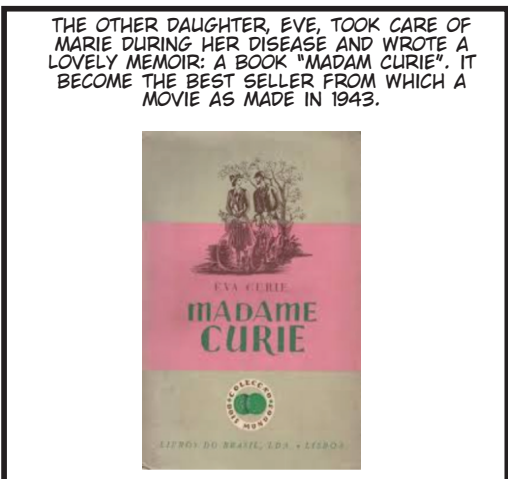
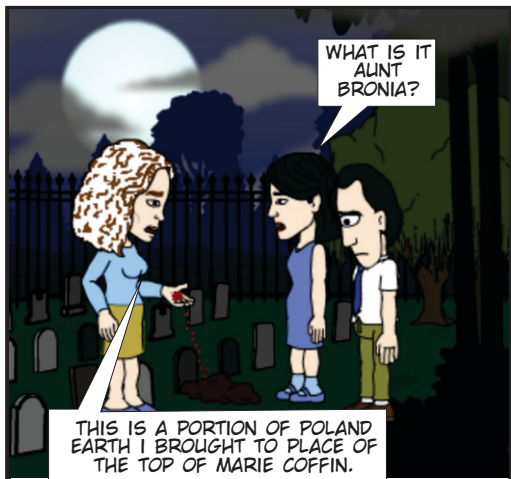


AT THE END OF THE WAR, IN 1918, SHE BECAME AGAIN TO BE VERY WELL KNOWN. THE AFFAIR WITH PAUL LAVENGIN WAS ALREADY FORGOTTEN.

IN 1918 WAS INAUGURATED THE INSTITUTE OF RADIO IN PARIS. WHICH BECAME CALLED INSTITUTE CURIE NOWADAYS, WHERE THEY DEDICATE THE STUDY OF ONCOLOGY AND THE MEDICAL EFFECTS OF RADIO.







NOW YOU ARE THE SCIENTIST!

EXPERIMENT 1)

TITLE: Very little matter

Marie and Pierre Curie extracted only 0.1 tenth of a gram (0.1 g) of Radio from one ton of mineral. How is possible to measure quantities so small with scale not so precise?

OBJECTIVE: to show that certain measures can be obtained via indirect manner; to show that it is necessary to formulate hypothesis to do certain measurements.

MATERIAL: a balance scale, it's the most simple kind of scale, confetti (it can be obtained with a paper punch, clips, 1g weight or gram mass standardize set (or any object which has the same weight)).

PROCEDURE:

1. Place the 1g weight in one side of the weighing pan.
2. On the other side place as much clips are necessary to balance the scale lever.
3. Complete: $1\text{g} = \text{___} \text{ clips}$.
4. Place 1 confetti on one side of the weighing pan and try determining its mass (first measure).
5. Place an amount of confetti in one side of the weighing pan and determine in clips, the mass of the amount of confetti (second measure).
6. Transfer into grams the obtained value in clips.
7. Calculate one confetti mass.
8. Duplicate twice the steps 5, 6 and 7 by using numbers of confetti multiple of ten, in order to facilitate the calculation and fill up the following table (3rd and 4th measures).
9. Place on the scale an amount of confetti without counting them previously. Calculate the approximately the number of confetti from the confetti mass set. (5th measure).

	Number of confetti	Total mass (g)	Mass of 1 confetti (g)
1st measure			
2st measure			
3st measure			
4st measure			
5st measure			

EXPERIMENT 2)

TITLE: Split the matters

Marie and Pierre Curie made the Radio extraction, this is, split the matter from mineral and reduce Radio to pure powder. To do that they grind the mineral (Uraninite), boiling, filtering, settling. In science, frequently, there is the necessity of splitting material and there is several techniques employed. Filtration, adsorption (attachment of molecule from a liquid to a solid surface), evaporation, distillation – depending on the matter that will be split.

OBJECTIVE: From the steps A, B and C will be made with a solution of methylene blue with should be prepared according to the instructions:

PREVIOUS PROCEDURE: As etapas A,B e C serão realizadas com solução de azul-de-metileno que deverá ser preparada de acordo as instruções:

MATERIAL: 25ml of Alcohol, 10mg of methylene blue (powder), 1 glass stick, 1 plastic funnel, a plastic spoon, 1 glass, 1 bottle (100ml) with tread cap and label.

PREPARING THE METHYLENE BLUE SOLUTION:

1. Place the methylene blue in the glass (the amount of a size of a match-tip).
2. Adding alcohol.
3. Agitate the substance with the glass stick.
4. Adding water up to the top of the glass and mix again.
5. Save in the bottle sealed and labeled.

STEP A: Filtration

MATERIAL: 5ml of the solution of methylene blue, 1 glass, 1 glass stick, 1 essay test tube rack, 1 plastic funnel, 1 essay test tube and 1 sheet of filter-paper.

PROCEDURE:

1. Transfer to the glass the solution of methylene blue.
2. Place the essay test tube and the funnel in the rack. (figure 1).
3. Fold the filter-paper as indicated (figure 2) and place it in the funnel.
4. Moist the filter-paper, so it will adhere to the side of funnel.
5. Insert the funnel in the essay test tube.
6. With the glass stick, shed in funnel the solution of methylene blue and by using the following technique: Hold the glass stick with the left hand and keep it leaned towards the funnel. Then drop carefully the solution over the stick, some how the solution slides on it.

RESULTS:

1. What was the color of the filtrated liquid? _____
2. What color was attached on the filter-paper? _____
3. Did you notice any solid matter stick on the filter-paper? _____

FIGURE 1

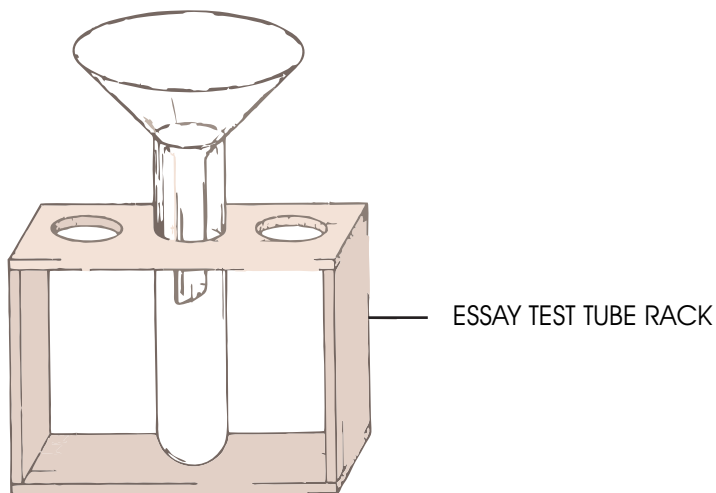
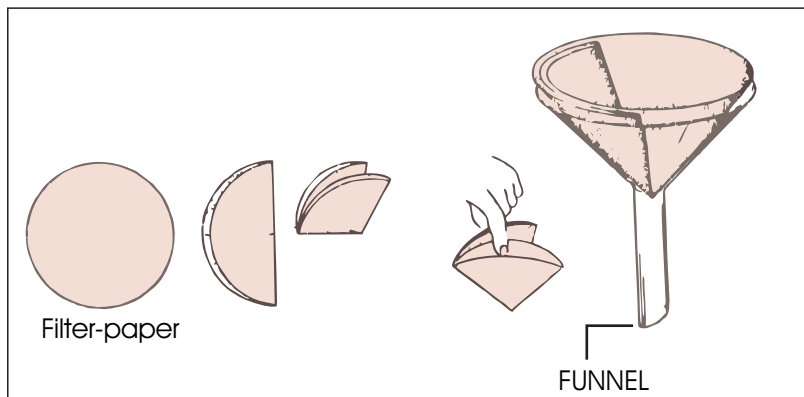


FIGURE 2



STEP B: Separation by coal Adsorption

Adsorption occurs when the particles attach to the coal surface (Adsorption is the attachment of molecule from a liquid to a solid surface).

MATERIAL: 1g of coal, (common coal in small pieces) 10ml methylene blue solution, 01 plastic spoon, 1 plastic funnel, 2 essay test tube, 1 glass, 1 glass stick, 1 essay test rack, 1 filter-paper sheet.

PROCEDURE:

1. Place the methylene blue solution inside the glass.
2. Add the coal by mixing it during 2 minutes approximately.
3. Filter the mixing with the filter-paper.
4. If the filtered solution is not clear, redo the process using the same filter-paper and another essay test tube.
5. Now, redo the experiment by using ground coal.

RESULTS:

1. Formulate a hypothesis to explain item 4 result.
2. When did the adsorption occur in high level, with the coal in pieces or ground coal, why?

STEP C: Evaporation

MATERIAL: 5ml methylene blue solution, 1 glass, 1 plastic funnel, 1 glass stick, wood-clamper, 1 essay test tube 1 essay test racks, 1 oil-lamp and alcohol for burning.

PROCEDURE:

1. Place the essay test tube on the rack.
2. Place the methylene blue solution inside the clean glass and transfer this solution to the essay test tube by using the funnel and the glass-stick.
3. Light up the oil-lamp.
4. Hold the essay tube with the wood clamper by holding it on the flame.
5. Wait for the solution gets boiling and allow it to evaporate.
6. Observe the dark blue residue that settles on the bottom of the essay tube.

EXPERIMENT 3)

TITULO: Examining matters

OBJECTIVE: To show the rock aspect is related to the matters that comprises it and, also, the size, shape and arrangement of their components.

MATERIAL: magnetic, microscopy plate, tooth-pick, two sample of rocks (granite, gneiss, or any other) a piece of cloth and a hammer.

PROCEDURE:


1. Grind the rocks samples. In order to do it, wrap the rock in a piece of cloth and hammer it.
2. Gather the little pieces which are more similar in bunch. (Use the tooth-pick to handling and splitting the rock fragments).
3. Find out if different fragments are attracted by the magnetic.
4. Place the microscopy plate on the table by rubbing on it different fragments to observe if it scratches the glass.

RESULT: complete the table to show the difference between the two samples studied.

	material	Brightness	color	Hardness	Magnetic attraction
Rock 1	A				
	B				
	C				
	D				

	material	Brightness	color	Hardness	Magnetic attraction
Rock 2	A				
	B				
	C				
	D				

EXERCISES

- 1) What are Marie Curie main discoveries?
- 2) What is the importance of these discoveries?
- 3) What impact these discoveries caused to the world?
- 4) Has Marie Curie got any acknowledgement while she was alive, what were they?
- 5) Marie suffered discrimination for being a woman? Issue examples.
- 6) How are women currently discriminated?
- 7) What is your opinion about the use of radioactive by human-being?
- 8) Why is it important to recognize the symbol that indicates the presence of radioactive material?
- 9) How can science and society be prejudiced by prejudice?
- 10) What can happen if radioactive material leak in the environment?
- 11) In 2011, Japan was reach by a violent earthquake following a tsunami. These events caused accidents in Nuclear Japanese Plants, which raised concerns all over the world about the safety of those plants. What are the advantage and disadvantages of these plants?
- 12) What the difference between x-ray and radioactivity?
- 13) Radiography are images of the inside part of human body obtained with x-ray and largely used by medical treatment. Explain how the image is transferred to the photographic plate.
- 14) Try finding, in the comics, which drawing the bug-bug () appears and describe what the scientific discovery is discussed.

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