

# Mrs. George – Grade 5

In honor of women's history and our love of science, Mrs. George's class learned about **Marie Curie**. Students read various texts about her and created slide show presentations that highlighted her life, accomplishments, and struggles. Students presented their slideshows to the class. We consider Marie Curie to be a hero because she is a pioneer in the scientific world. She was conducting research and making important discoveries during a time when few women were scientists. Not only is she the first female to be awarded the Nobel Prize, she is the only person to receive the award in two different scientific fields (physics and chemistry). She is a glowing reminder that women can achieve anything!

What did she accomplish?

Marie Curie accomplished many great things.

Marie Curie discovered polonium, radium and develops X-ray technology.

When World War One ended, she opened a Radium Institute.

She was awarded two Nobel Prizes in two different areas of science, chemistry and physics. One was awarded to her with two other men and the other was awarded to just herself.

## Obstacles

During the time that Marie Curie made these discoveries with radioactivity, women were thought to be worth less than men. They were thought of as weak, helpless, and not intelligent. Marie already had proved them wrong, but almost was passed for getting a Nobel Prize in physics. Instead, only her husband Pierre was nominated with Henri Becquerel.

