

Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen

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Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen was a professor of physics. He won a Nobel Prize in Physics. What makes him such an important person in physics is that he discovered the X-ray. X-Rays help us check for broken bones and cancer, too.

Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen was born on March 27th 1845 in Germany. His mother was Charlotte Constanze Frowein and father was Friedrich Conrad Röntgen, a textile merchant. He was an only child. When older, Wilhelm attended primary and secondary public schools in Apeldoorn. He also attended a private boarding school in Middelann. According to The Famous People, while at school in Middelann, he drew an inappropriate picture of a unpopular teacher that got him kicked out of that school. He attended University of Utrecht because that was the only university that would accept him because of his expulsion.

Wilhelm is famous for inventing the X-Ray. In his version of an x-ray, “a gas was thinned to a partial vacuum in a glass tube called a Crookes tube. Researchers found that, when a current was passed through the gas between electrodes, the gas glowed in a pattern of light and dark areas that changed it changes in voltage and in the degree of vacuum.” (Britannica kids, Paragraph 6). His discovery was accidental. Wilhelm was so amazed he did not know what to do. He soon put himself in the X-Ray and he figured that it can show the inside of his body He saw what no other human had ever seen, his own body without surgery.

Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen was first to be awarded the Nobel Prize in physics. He also received a Barnard Medal of Columbia University, Rumford Medal, and a Matteucci Medal and felt very accomplished. When Wilhelm died, all his work was destroyed in front of his grave because that’s what he stated he wanted in his will.” He died on February 10, 1923 in Munich, Germany due to carcinoma of the intestine. His remains were buried in Alter Friedhof, Giessen, Germany. In keeping with his will, all his personal and scientific correspondence was destroyed upon his death.” (The Famous People).

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In conclusion, Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen is a very important person because he discovered the X-Ray. He won a nobel prize because the X-Ray helped a countless number of people. It was allowed us to see bones and cancer and many other problems that could be inside the body.

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