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1859-1906

French physicist who performed research in magnetism and radioactivity, awarded the 1903 Nobel Prize in Physics. Best known as the husband of Marie Curie, he was a distinguished scientist in his own right. His research into magnetic properties is fundamental for theories of magnetism, while his radiation research set the stage for future discoveries in atomic theory. Pierre Curie died prematurely, hit by a horse-drawn cart while crossing the street.