



Lives in Science

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Have you ever wondered why there are so many biographies of Isaac Newton, Marie Curie, and Charles Darwin and why other important scientists such as T.H. Huxley have been neglected? Or been curious as to how putting a scientist's life story together can differ dramatically, depending on the century in which it was written? And how do biographers choose which "facts" to include or to emphasize – do political, social, and cultural factors come into play?

We'll explore these questions and many more as we learn the historical context for scientific biographies, in our readings, discussions, and in various writing assignments – which will include the opportunity for you to choose a biography on which to focus . . . or, alternatively, to compose a short critical biography on a scientist of your own choice.

