

## **Literacy Strands – The Nobel Prizes!!!!**

**Monday – Nobel Prizes!!** Andrew Noble was the person who invented dynamite in order to blow up parts of mountains to make roads. Unfortunately, dynamite also became a weapon of choice for those who wanted to blow up property for the sake of stealing or to overpower an enemy. Alfred Nobel felt so guilty that his invention had become a weapon of war that he took the money he made from the sale of dynamite and funded the Nobel Peace Prize. Now he is known more for his philanthropy than for his explosives, and his donation was invested in ways that will allow the prize money to continue to be awarded well into the future.

**In one sentence, explain why Alfred Noble decided to award the Noble Peace Prize every year.**

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**Tuesday – The Nobel Prize** – On 27 November 1895, Alfred Nobel signed his last will and testament, giving the largest share of his fortune to a series of prizes in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, and Peace - the Nobel Prizes. Most recipients travel to Sweden in order to receive their special 18 carat gold medal and ~1.3 million U.S. dollars at a special ceremony. It is one of the greatest honors in the world to be awarded one of the Nobel Prizes.

**In one sentence, explain where Alfred Nobel donated most of his fortune, as recorded in his last will and testament.**

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