



Initiative

Exploring initiative through the life of Alfred Nobel



Alfred Noble



- Click on the link below to find out how Alfred Noble used initiative in his life to be successful.
- <https://vimeo.com/289210520>



Initiative and Alfred Nobel



Alfred Nobel was a successful businessman, who worked with explosives.

One day, whilst having breakfast, he read his own obituary! It described him as being a ‘merchant of death’.

There and then, he decided to take the **initiative** and change his legacy.



Initiative and Alfred Nobel



It took him several years however, Alfred Nobel worked hard and devised a plan to leave his inheritance to a fund. This fund provides annual prizes for outstanding contributions, from people working in a variety of fields.

There are Nobel Prizes for Physical Science, Chemistry, Medical Science and Physiology, Literature and – most famously of all – Peace.

By taking the initiative, Nobel was able to establish an amazing legacy, which is still going strong today.



Initiative in Life



Initiative is seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

It is about recognising a need and taking action to provide a solution.



Initiative in Life



How good are you at judging when to use your initiative?

What mistakes have you made when doing so?

Is it easier (safer) to let other people use their initiative?

Which jobs require a lot of initiative and would these suit you?

What can you do to take more initiative?



Time for REFLECTION



Answer the following questions in your **Character at Home Pupil Passport**.

3-2-1 Character Reflection

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List 3 interesting facts about the Character Values you have explored.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Explain in 2 sentences why the Character Value explored is important to help you flourish.

- 1.
- 2.

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What is 1 way you could apply the Character Value explored to change your world (home, community, school, country)?

- 1.

