

Navi Pillay, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (October 10, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

What? The announcement of the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize winner—one of the world’s most important awards, given to someone who helps make the world more peaceful. 🌍

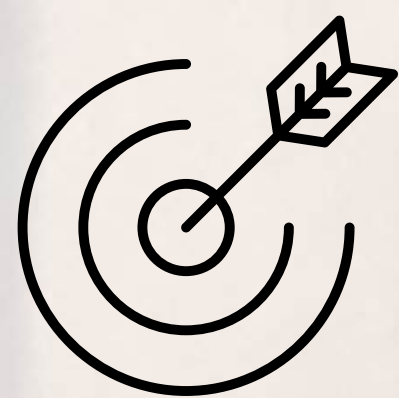
Who? Navi Pillay, an 85-year-old South African lawyer and judge who has spent her life defending people’s rights and ensuring that those responsible for serious crimes are brought to justice. 🏆

Where? The prize was announced in Oslo, Norway, which is also where it will soon be presented to her.

When? The prize was announced on October 9, 2026, and the ceremony will be held on December 10, 2026.

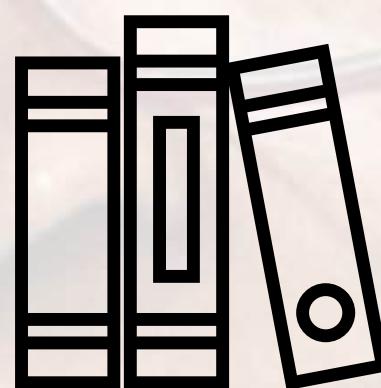
Why is it important? The Nobel Committee is honoring her for her efforts to promote peace and international law—the rules that countries must follow in their dealings with one another, even during wartime.

🎯 **For this activity, your goal will be to learn a little more about Navi Pillay and human rights.**



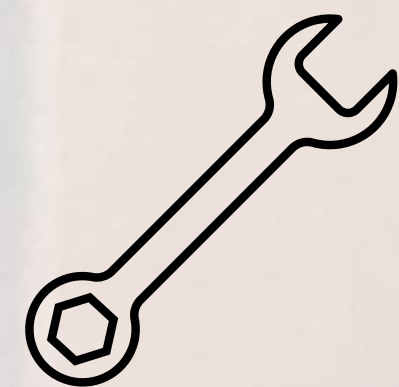
OBJECTIVES

- Discover Navi Pillay, winner of the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize
- Learn about Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, and the origin of the Nobel Prizes
- Explore the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in Paris in 1948
- Connect five articles of the Declaration to everyday situations
- Calculate the diameter and circumference of the Nobel Peace Prize medal
- Translate the medal’s Latin motto using an online tool



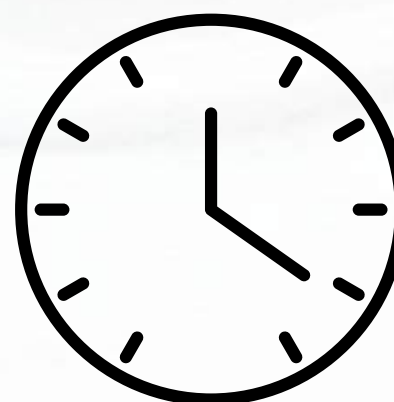
SUBJECTS

- **Social World / Citizenship**
 - Human rights
 - International organizations
 - History of the Nobel Prizes
- **Mathematics**
 - Radius and diameter
 - Circumference of a circle
 - The number pi
- **English**
 - Understanding a video
 - Reading an informational text
 - Writing a short answer



COMPETENCIES

- Find information in a video
- Read and understand an informational text
- Perform simple geometric calculations
- Use a digital tool thoughtfully
- Exercise critical judgment



DURATION

- Approximately 60 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the child whether they know any famous prizes or awards
- Ask them what “working for peace” means to them
- Ask them which rights all children in the world should have
- Gather their hypotheses: why would the inventor of dynamite create a prize for peace?

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — The Nobel Prizes. Watching Navi Pillay's reaction, then a short video about Alfred Nobel and the Nobel Prizes, followed by four short-answer questions.

Q1 — Alfred Nobel, born in Sweden (in Stockholm, in 1833).

Q2 — Dynamite.

Q3 — Physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace. (The economics prize was added in 1968; it was not part of Nobel's will.)

Q4 — Bertha von Suttner, an Austrian writer and pacifist, author of the novel Lay Down Your Arms. (She won the Nobel Peace Prize herself in 1905.)

STEP 3 — An Intriguing Medal. Calculation of the medal's diameter and circumference from its radius, then translation of its Latin motto with Google Translate.

Q10 — 6.6 cm (2×3.3 cm).

Q11 — About 20.72 cm ($3.14 \times 6.6 = 20.724$). Accept 20.7 cm.

Q12 — "For the peace and brotherhood of nations" (Google Translate's translation).

STEP 2 — Human Rights: Fundamental Rights.

Exploration of the illustrated version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on the United Nations website, followed by five questions about specific articles.

Q5 — Free and equal in dignity and rights.

Q6 — Two differences among: race, colour, sex, language, religion, opinion, national or social origin, property, birth.

Q7 — They are presumed innocent (until proved guilty according to law in a public trial).

Q8 — Freedom of opinion and expression.

Q9 — Free, at least in the elementary stages; elementary education is also compulsory.

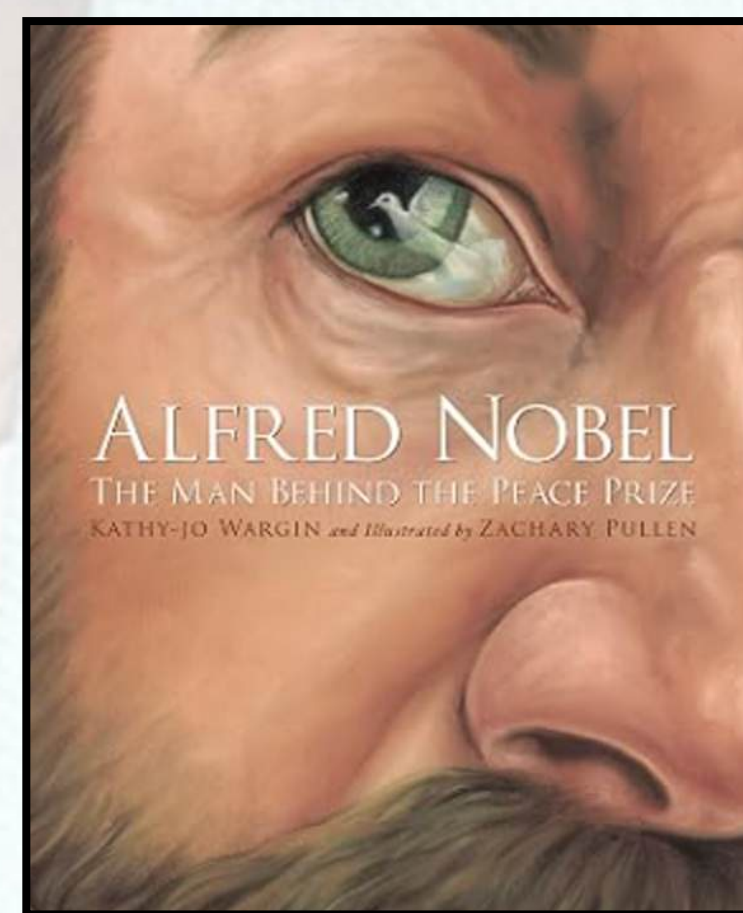


WRAPPING UP

- Review with the child what they have learned
- Discuss what surprised them the most
- Ask: of the five articles studied, which one seems the most important to you, and why?
- Suggest that the child name someone around them who works for peace or for the rights of others

FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Kathy-jo Wargin. *Alfred Nobel: The Man Behind the Peace Prize*. Sleeping Bear Press



EXPLORERS PLUS — Peace Makers

1 — EBADI (Shirin)

2 — CARTER (Jimmy)

3 — YOUSAFZAI (Malala)

4 — TUTU (Desmond)

5 — MAATHAI (Wangari)

6 — TERESA (Mother Teresa)

7 — SUTTNER (Bertha von)

8 — MENCHU (Rigoberta)

9 — GBOWEE (Leymah)

10 — GORBACHEV (Mikhail)

11 — MANDELA (Nelson)

Mystery word — BROTHERHOOD (just like on the medal!)

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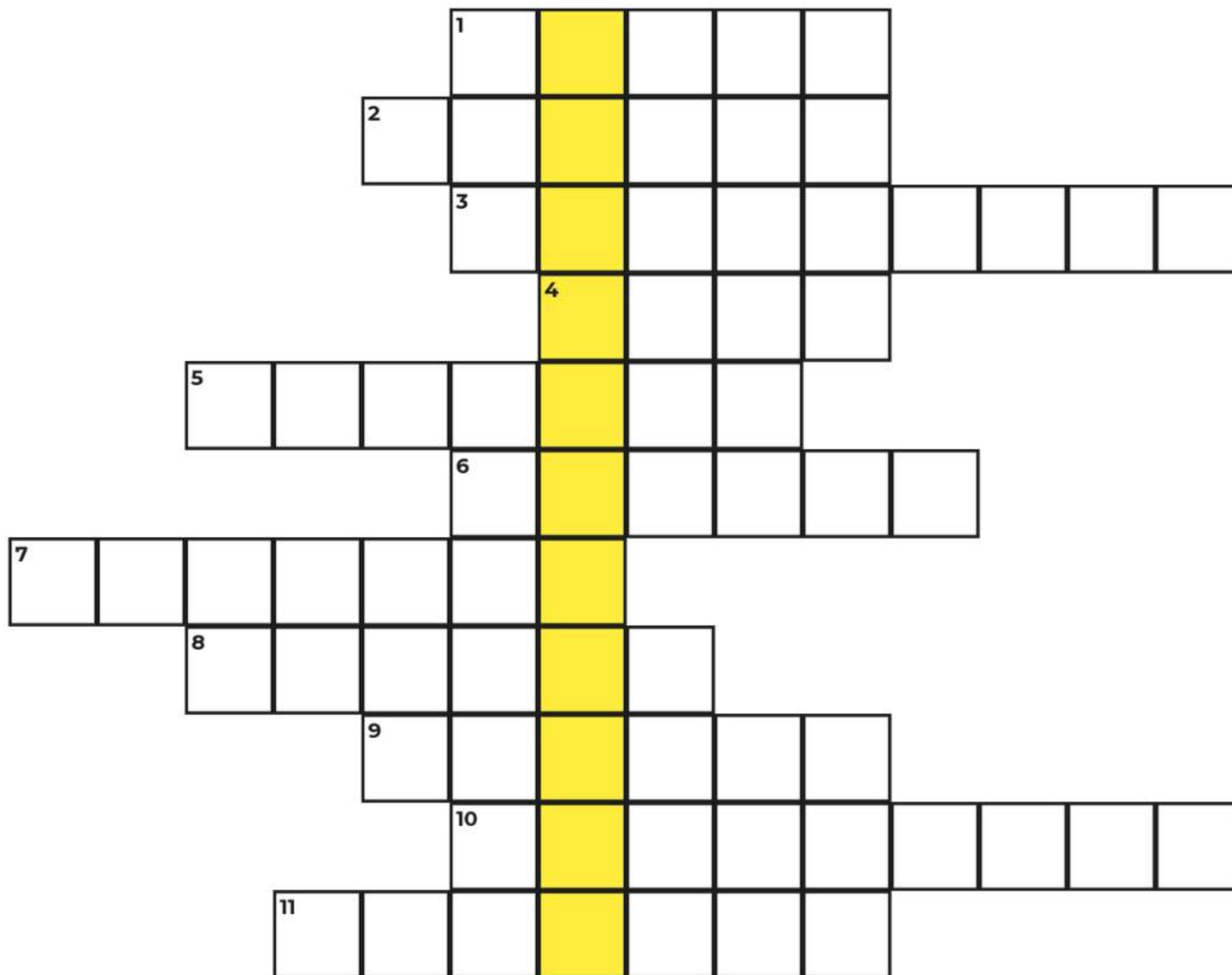
Peacemakers

Since 1901, the Nobel Peace Prize has honored women, men, and even organizations that have dedicated their energy to making the world a fairer and more peaceful place. Some fought injustice, while others provided medical care, taught, or planted trees!

Can you identify eleven of these peace makers? Visit the Nobel Peace Prize Wikipedia page (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Nobel_Peace_Prize_laureates#Laureates); the year associated with each clue will put you on the right track.

Enter each laureate's surname into the grid—one letter per box, without accents.

The yellow boxes spell out a mystery word. What is it?



Navi Pillay
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
2026

1. In 2003, this Iranian lawyer became the first Muslim woman to receive the prize.
2. In 2002, this former President of the United States was honored for his work for peace and human rights.
3. In 2014, this 17-year-old from Pakistan became the youngest laureate in history for defending girls' right to go to school.
4. In 1984, this South African archbishop was honored for his non-violent struggle against apartheid.
5. In 2004, this Kenyan woman was honored for having millions of trees planted across Africa.
6. In 1979, this nun was honored for devoting her life to the poorest people in Calcutta, India.
7. In 1905, this Austrian novelist, a friend of Alfred Nobel, became the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
8. In 1992, this Guatemalan woman was honored for defending the rights of indigenous peoples.
9. In 2011, this Liberian woman was honored for leading women in a peaceful struggle to bring peace to her country.
10. In 1990, this Soviet leader was honored for helping to end the Cold War between East and West.
11. In 1993, this man who fought against apartheid was honored, before becoming President of South Africa.