



# JACOB BRONOWSKI

Jacob Bronowski (18 January 1908- 22 August 1974) was a mathematician. He was born in Lodz, Poland to Adam Bronowski and Celia Flatto. He wrote many books and Bronowski also worked alongside with David Attenborough to write and present a documentary called The Ascent of Man.



## EARLY LIFE

As a child, Jacob immigrated to Germany and then to England when World War I ended. He was awarded a scholarship to study mathematics at the University of Cambridge. Bruno -as Bronowski was known- had a disadvantage when he moved to England; he spoke no English. However, this didn't stop him from developing an interest in both science and literature.

## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS



Jacob wrote books such as Science and Human Values; The Common Sense of Science and A sense of the future. He also led the field of operations research in WW11.

## LATER LIFE

He taught mathematics at the University College Hull between 1934-1942. In 1941, he married Rita Corblentz and they had 4 daughters together. The eldest (Lisa Jardine) is a British academic and another (Judith Bronowski) is a filmmaker. Sadly, his daughter Rita Bronowski died age 92 in 2010. When he died in New York of a heart attack in 1974, a plaque was made in his honour and was placed on the door of his former home in Cottingham.

## QUOTES

*'The hand is the cutting edge of the mind.'*

*'The most wonderful discover made by scientists is science itself.'*

*'No science is immune to the infection of politics and the corruption of power.'*

*'Every animal leaves behind traces of what it was; man alone leaves traces of what he created.'*



## FIND OUT MORE...

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DFgnGUL78MU>

## EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Jacob Bronowski die?
2. What documentary did Jacob write?
3. Which university did he study maths at?
4. What books did he write?
5. What was one of his famous quotes?