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## Einstein: An Extraordinary Man

With the verification of his General Theory of Relativity in 1919, Albert Einstein had become an international celebrity. In 1921, he visited the United States with Chaim Weizmann to raise money for the Hebrew University. He also gave lectures in London, Paris, Zurich, Oslo, Copenhagen, Leyden, Prague and Vienna.

Two years later, in February 1923, Albert Einstein attended a reception in Tel Aviv. At the reception, then-mayor Meir Dizengoff and members of the City Council named him an honorary citizen. After the reception, Einstein wrote in his diary that the accomplishments of Jews in a few short years “cause the highest admiration.”

In 1923, while visiting Jerusalem, Einstein wrote in his diary that he was about to visit the Hebrew University. Einstein thought that a Jewish university could be a great idea. He said that although Israel was a growing country, it could be a center for Jewish thought, which would “make the diverse communities of Israel come to life.”

Einstein won the Nobel Prize for Physics and he did many remarkable things. He helped convince President Franklin D. Roosevelt to start the Manhattan Project to create an atomic bomb. He also warned of the need for nuclear arms control after World War II and became a leader of the Government World concept.

Einstein wrote in his diary about other subjects and over time, Einstein's humanitarianism tempered his views on race, ethnicity and national character.

Since Einstein was Anti-Nationalist, he was against the idea of a Jewish State. He continued to say, however, that his relationship to the Jewish people "is my strongest human bond."

### Reading Comprehension

Answer the following questions about the text:

1. When was General Theory of Relativity verified?
  - a. February 1923
  - b. 1919
  - c. In London
  
2. What did Albert Einstein and Chaim Weizmann do in the USA?
  - a. They gave lectures.
  - b. They raised money.
  - c. They became international celebrities.
  
3. Where was Einstein named an honorary citizen?
  - a. The USA
  - b. Leyden
  - c. Tel Aviv
  
4. How did Einstein feel after the reception mentioned in paragraph two?
  - a. He was impressed.
  - b. He was saddened.
  - c. He was angry.
  
5. Although Israel was a growing country, Einstein saw its \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. diversity
  - b. potential
  - c. greatness

6. President Franklin D. Roosevelt \_\_\_\_\_ to be convinced to start the Manhattan Project.

- a. **needed**
- b. wanted
- c. refused

7. Why was Einstein against the idea of a Jewish State?

- a. Because he wasn't Jewish.
- b. Because he didn't live in Israel.
- c. **Because he was Anti-Nationalist.**

## Vocabulary

Choose the right definition for each word:

1. Verification

- a. An official meeting between several people.
- b. **A confirmation that something is correct or true.**
- c. A test that people take at the end of a course.

2. Lecture

- a. **A talk in front of an audience.**
- b. A brand new idea.
- c. A part of a computer's keyboard.

3. Reception

- a. **An event in honor of someone.**
- b. The understanding that you are wrong.
- c. A place where people receive gifts.

#### 4. Accomplishment

- a. A complicated situation.
- b. Someone who works alongside other people.
- c. **Something that has been successfully done.**

#### 5. Diverse

- a. Unique
- b. **Different**
- c. Innovative

#### 6. Convince

- a. **To make someone believe or accept something.**
- b. To move something or someone to another place.
- c. To create a cooperation.

#### 7. Warn

- a. To sign an agreement.
- b. To make something warmer.
- c. **To tell of a possible danger.**

#### 8. View

- a. An idea
- b. A sense
- c. **An opinion**

### Grammar

A. Rewrite the following sentences as PASSIVE VOICE sentences:

1. Einstein raised money for the Hebrew University.

2. Einstein gave lectures in many cities around Europe.
3. Dizengoff named Einstein an honorary citizen.
4. Einstein visited the Hebrew University.
5. Einstein convinced President Franklin D. Roosevelt to start the Manhattan Project.
6. The Americans created an atomic bomb.

**Answers:**

1. Money was raised by Einstein for the Hebrew University.
2. Lectures were given by Einstein in many cities around the world.
3. Einstein was named an honorary citizen by Dizengoff.
4. The Hebrew University was visited by Einstein.
5. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was convinced by Einstein to start the Manhattan Project.
6. An atomic bomb was created by the Americans.

B. Write the PAST SIMPLE forms of the following verbs:

become, visit, give, write, continue, say, warn, think, win, start

**Answers:**

became, visited, gave, wrote, continued, said, warned, thought, won, started

