Ada Lovelace (1815 – 1852)

Timeline of her life and other amazing events

Her Life

World Events

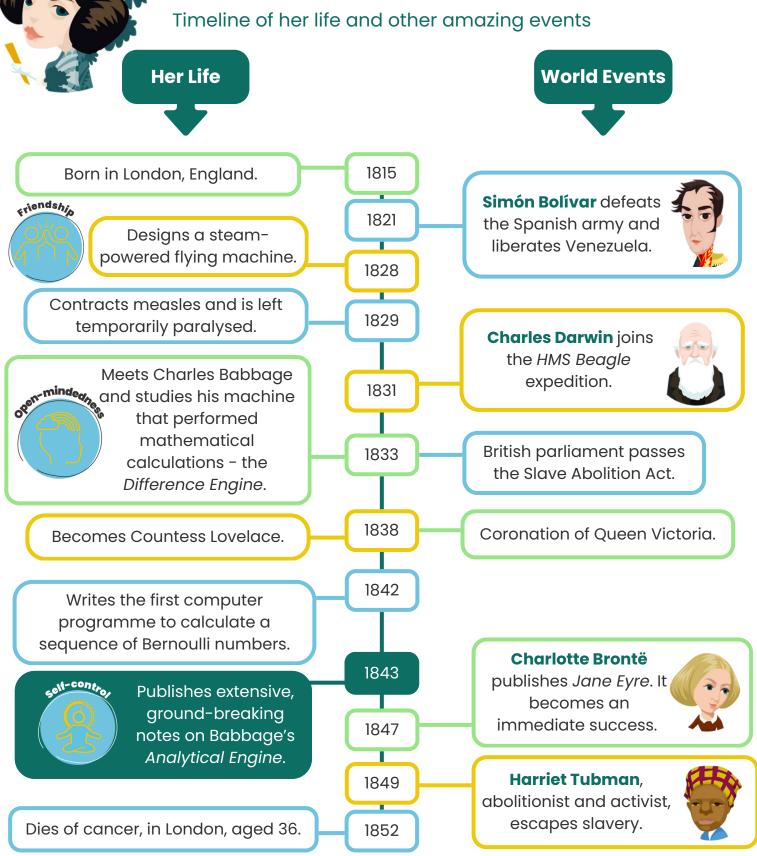| Her Life	Year	World Events
Born in London, England.	**1815**	
Friendship — Designs a steam-powered flying machine.	**1821**	**Simón Bolívar** defeats the Spanish army and liberates Venezuela.
	1828	
Contracts measles and is left temporarily paralysed.	**1829**	
Open-mindedness — Meets Charles Babbage and studies his machine that performed mathematical calculations - the *Difference Engine*.	**1831**	**Charles Darwin** joins the *HMS Beagle* expedition.
	1833	British parliament passes the Slave Abolition Act.
Becomes Countess Lovelace.	**1838**	Coronation of Queen Victoria.
Writes the first computer programme to calculate a sequence of Bernoulli numbers.	**1842**	
Self-control — Publishes extensive, ground-breaking notes on Babbage's *Analytical Engine*.	**1843**	
	1847	**Charlotte Brontë** publishes *Jane Eyre*. It becomes an immediate success.
	1849	**Harriet Tubman**, abolitionist and activist, escapes slavery.
Dies of cancer, in London, aged 36.	**1852**	

Although Ada Lovelace's contributions were downplayed during her life, they are now seen as invaluable to the world of computer programming and are celebrated each year on Ada Lovelace Day (the second Tuesday of October).

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HER LEGACY, SEE THE END OF HER STORY.