SIMPLE PAST TENSE

These are famous people from the past. Complete the sentences using the simple past of the verbs given.



Amy Winehouse _____ (win) five Grammy Awards for her 2006 album Back to Black. She _____ (sing) hit songs like "Rehab," "Back to Black" and "Valerie." She _____ (die) in 2011, at age 27.



Agatha Christie _____ (train) and _____ (work) as a nurse during the First World War. She _____ (begin) writing in 1920. She _____ (write) over 40 novels and _____ (create) the characters of Miss Marple and Poirot.



Steve Jobs _____ (meet) his friend Steve Wozniak on a trip. In 1979, Wozniak _____ (invent) the first Apple I computer. Later on, they _____ (set) up Apple Computers. In 1984, Jobs _____ (design) the first Macintosh and in 2007 _____ (enter) the mobile phone market with the iPhone.



Alexander Graham Bell _____ (be) a Scottish inventor. In 1871, he _____ (move) to Boston and _____ (begin) working on the idea of transmitting the human voice over wires. He _____ (work) with Thomas Watson on the design of the first telephone. By 1886, over 150 000 Americans _____ (own) telephones.



Mata Hari _____ (gain) much fame in France as a dancer. She _____ (admit) working as a spy for the French, during WWI, but suspicion _____ (fall) on her. The French _____ (accuse) her of spying for the German and _____ (execute) her.



Christopher Columbus _____ (discover) the "New World" of the Americas on an expedition _____ (sponsor) by King Ferdinand of Spain in 1492. The following year, he _____ (take) to the seas on his second expedition and _____ (explore) more islands in the Caribbean Ocean.



Pablo Picasso _____ (become) one of the greatest and most influential artists of the 20th century. For nearly 80 of his 91 years, Picasso _____ (devote) himself to an artistic production that _____ (contribute) significantly to the development of modern art.



Charles Darwin _____ (spend) a lot of time examining natural science. He _____ (travel) to the Galapagos Islands where he _____ (find) the basis of his theory of natural selection and the evolution of the species. In 1859, he _____ (publish) his book which _____ (gain) widespread interest.

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