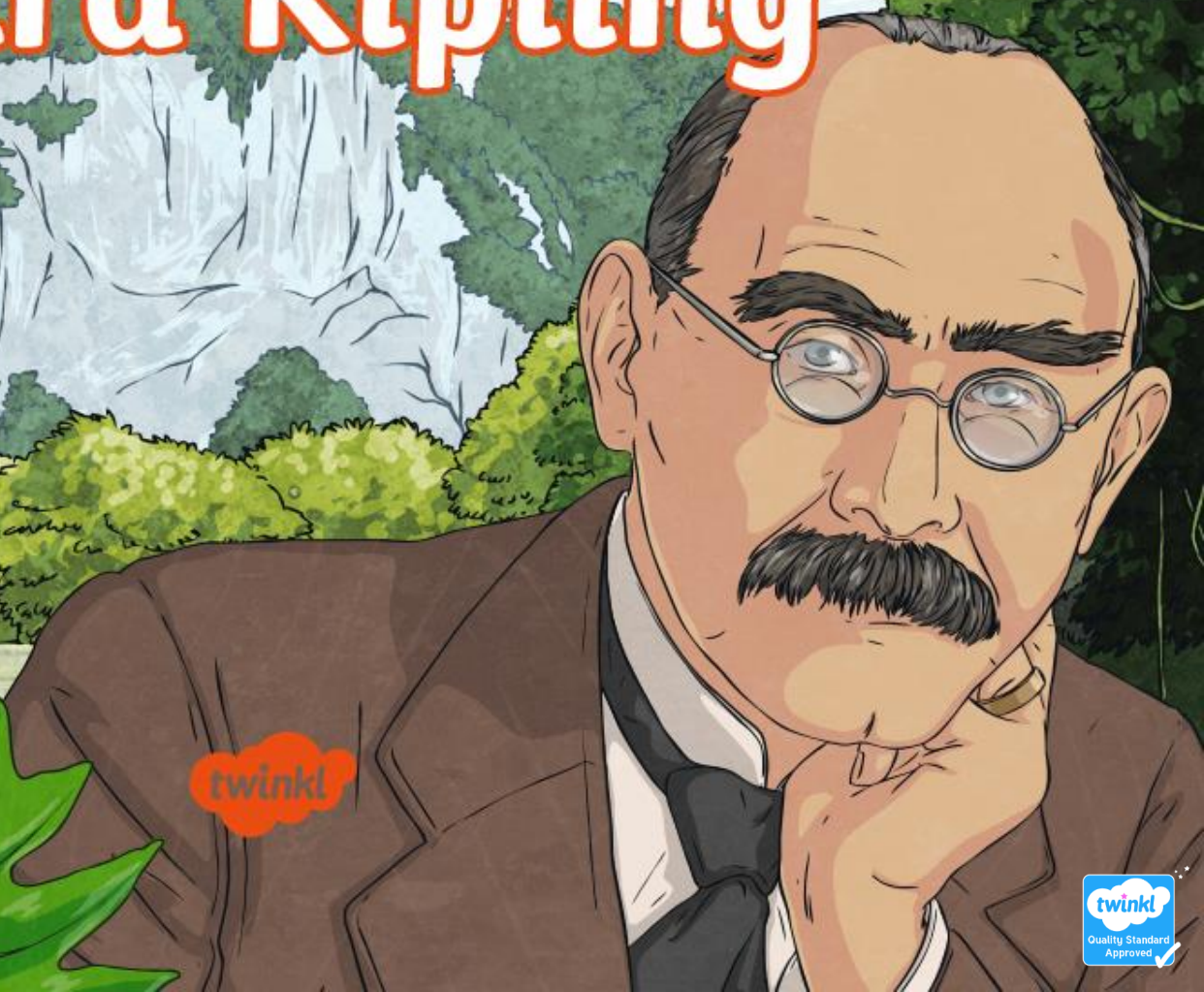


# The Life and Works of Rudyard Kipling



# Rudyard Kipling

Rudyard Kipling was born on 30<sup>th</sup> December 1865 in Bombay, India.

His father, John Kipling, was a pottery designer and sculptor and he and Kipling's mother, Alice, enjoyed a comfortable life in India.

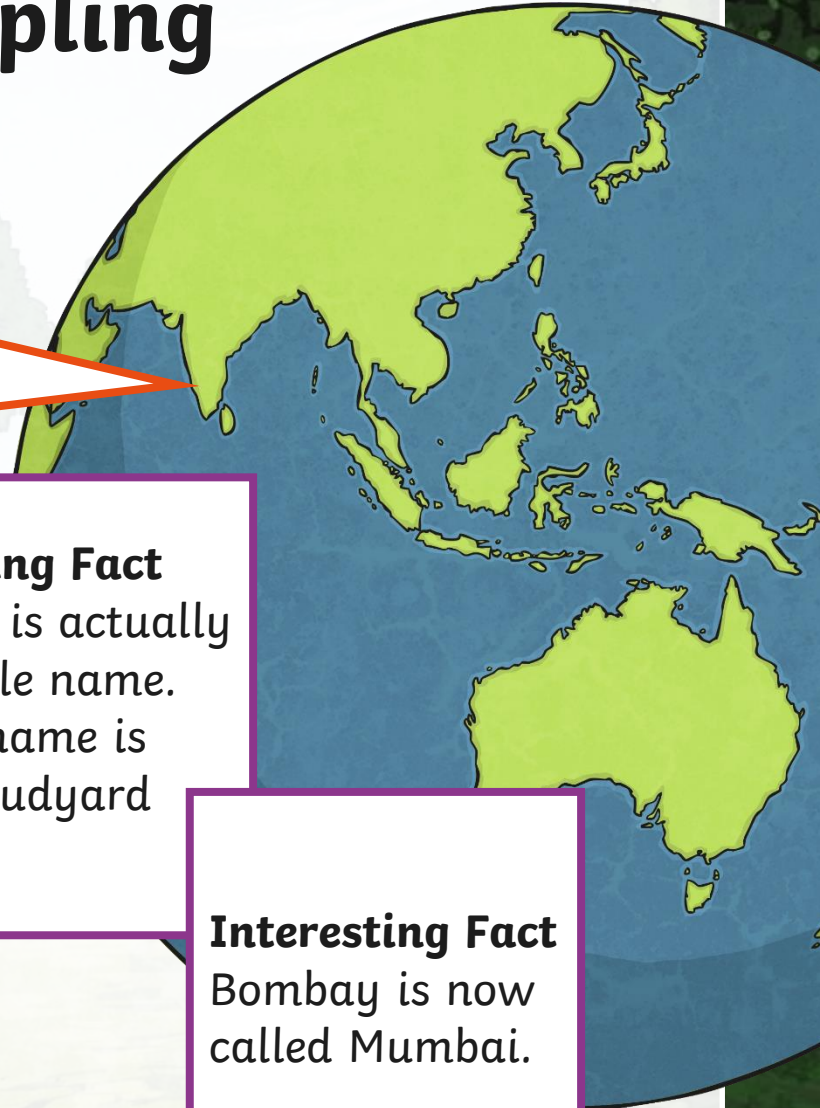


## Interesting Fact

Rudyard is actually his middle name. His full name is Joseph Rudyard Kipling.

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Bombay is now called Mumbai.

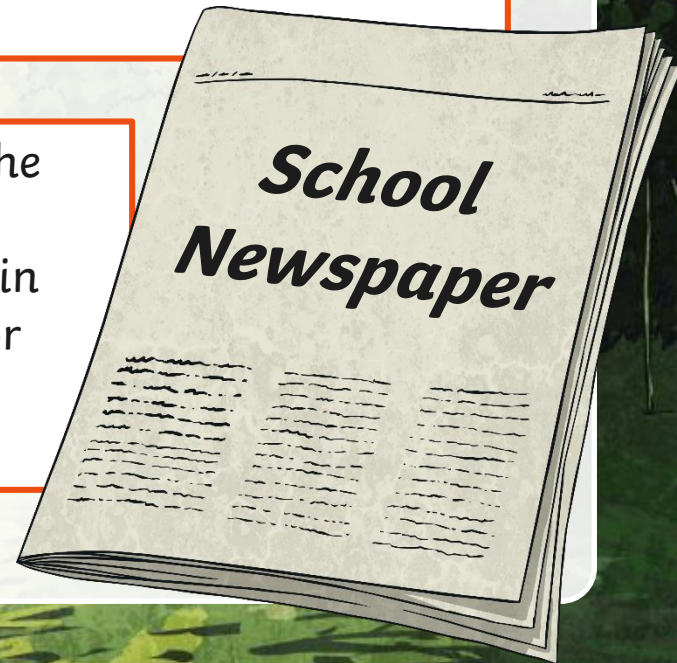


# Early Education

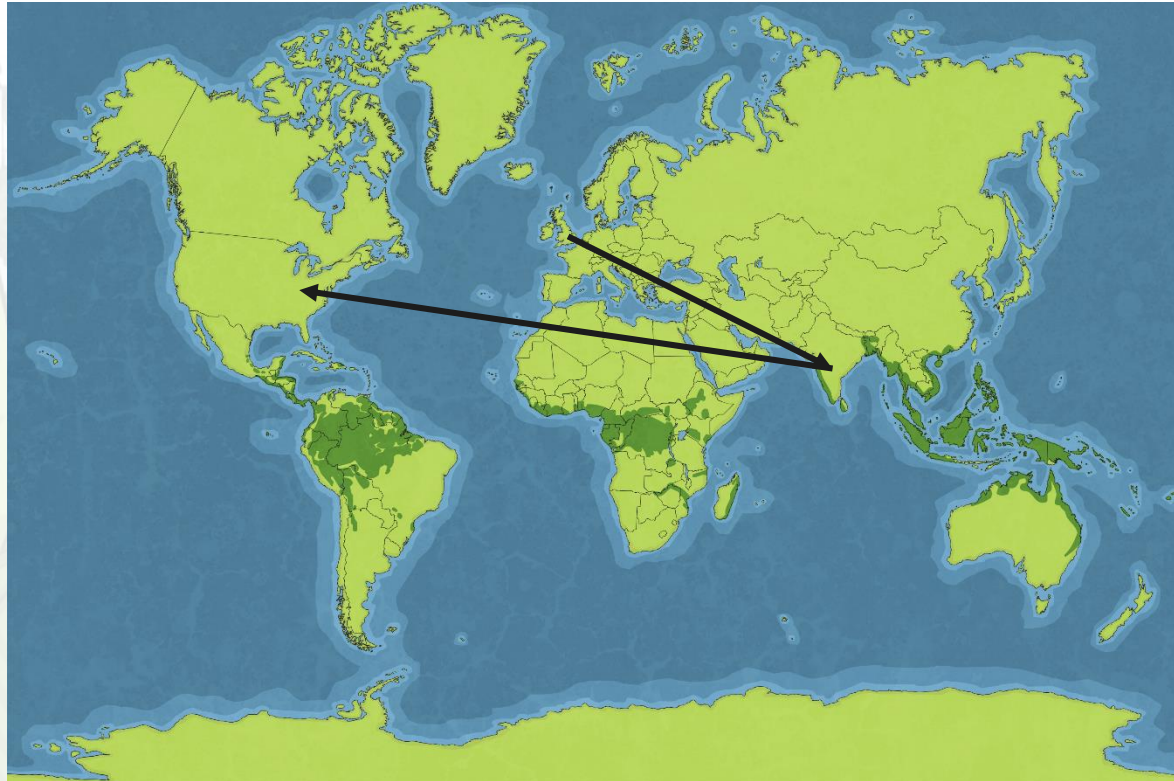
At the age of 5, Kipling and his sister were sent to Portsmouth in England for school. They lived with a foster family called the Holloways. Mrs Holloway was a very unkind and strict woman who beat Rudyard and made his life miserable. Sadly, no one knew about Rudyard's unhappiness as he chose not to tell anyone.

The only thing that cheered Rudyard up during this time was reading stories by his favourite authors.

When his mother did find out about how badly he was being treated, she removed him from the Holloway's house and sent him to a new school in Devon. It was here that he discovered his love for writing and became the editor of the school newspaper.



# Work Life



In 1887, Kipling started working for a larger newspaper called, 'The Pioneer' but got fired in 1889 and decided to move to the USA to live and work.

# Family Life

In 1892, Kipling married Caroline Starr Balestier, the sister of a good friend of his. They had a daughter in the same year and called her Josephine.

Four years later, the couple welcomed a second daughter, Elsie. The family returned to England and in 1897, they had their third child; a son called John.



Sadly, both Josephine and John died at an early age. Josephine developed pneumonia whilst travelling back from a holiday in the USA and died in 1899 aged just 6. John went missing whilst fighting in France in the First World War; his body was never found.

Kipling was devastated and some say that he never recovered from the loss.

# The Jungle Book

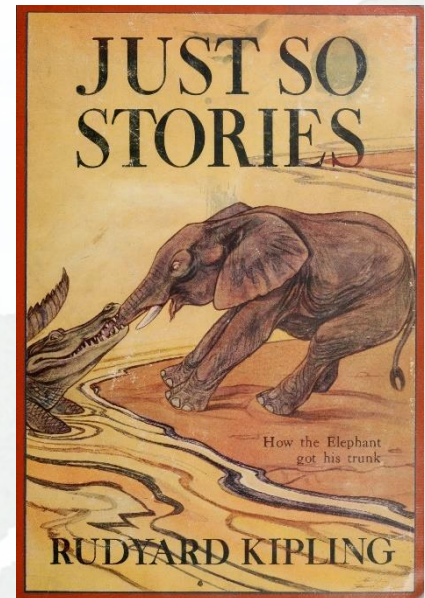
The Jungle Book is the story of Mowgli, an Indian orphan who was raised in the jungle by wolves. The book follows Mowgli's adventures with his friends Bagheera and Baloo as he escapes death at the hands of the man-eating tiger Shere Khan.

Kipling published The Jungle Book in 1894. The story enchanted young children around the world. Just a year later, The Second Jungle Book was published, cementing Kipling as one of Britain's most successful and beloved authors.

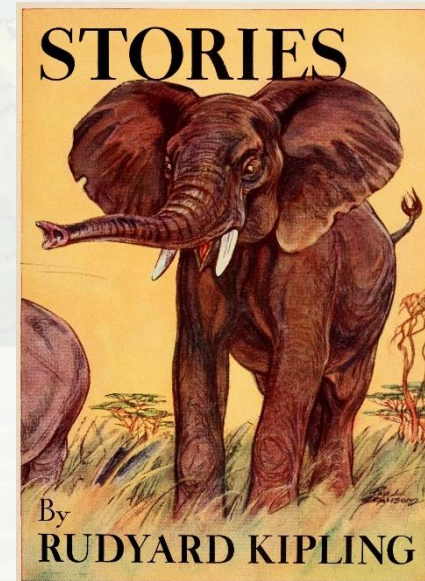
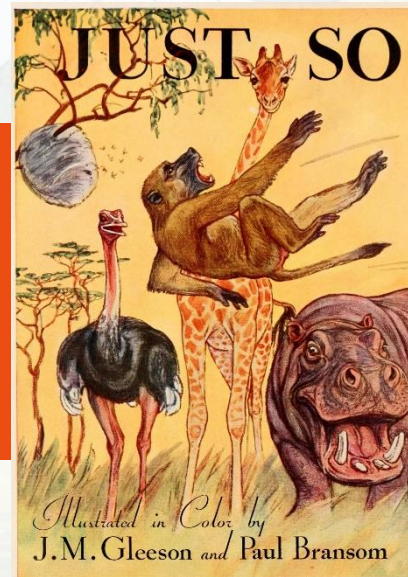


# Just So Stories

In 1902, Kipling and his family bought a large house in Sussex, England called Bateman's. It was here that he finished writing the Just So Stories. The stories were a tribute to Josephine as he had begun writing them for her when she was younger. The title was inspired by Josephine who was reported to have told her father to read the stories as they were, or "just so."



The Just So Stories describe how animals came to have their distinctive features. For example, one story tells how and why the camel came to have a hump.



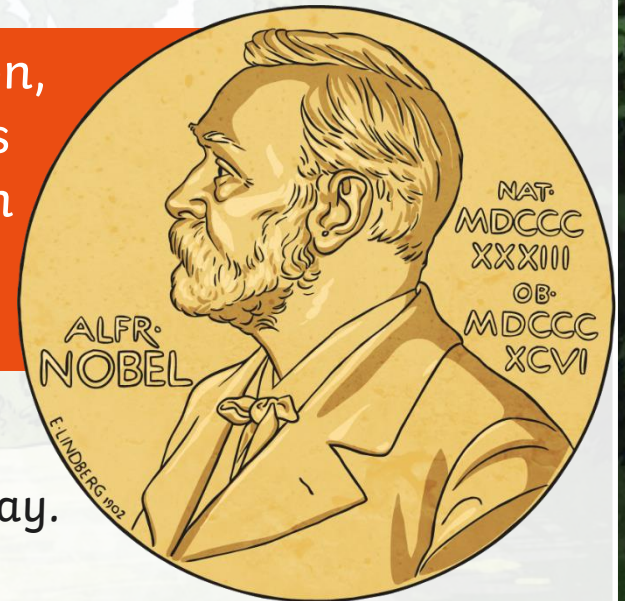
# Achievements

Kipling was offered many awards in his lifetime but he refused to accept them all, apart from one.

He was the first Briton to be awarded the Nobel prize in literature in 1907. The awarded was given

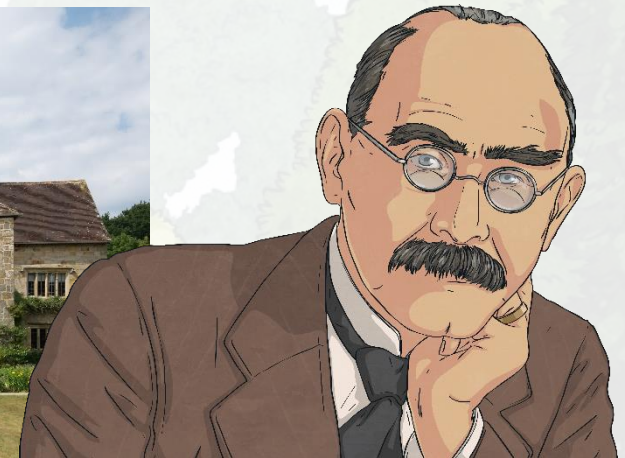
“in consideration of the power of observation, originality of imagination, virility of ideas and remarkable talent for narration which characterize the creations of this world-famous author”.

Aged just 42, Kipling remains the youngest recipient of the Nobel prize in literature to this day.



# Final Days

After the loss of Josephine and John, Kipling never wrote stories for children again. He and his wife, Caroline, lived out their remaining years at Bateman's.



Kipling died on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1936 at the age of 70.

In his life, Kipling wrote and published a large collection of work including books, novels, poems, autobiographies and short stories. Batemans is now a museum, dedicated to Kipling and his success as one of Britain's most celebrated authors.