Life Of Srinivasa Ramanujan

Srinivasa Ramanujan (1887-1920) was an Indian mathematician who made significant contributions to number theory, mathematical analysis, and infinite series, despite having limited formal education. He is known for his self-taught genius and his collaboration with the British mathematician G.H. Hardy at Cambridge.

Here's a more detailed look at his life:

Early Life and Education:

- Born in Erode, Tamil Nadu, India, into a poor Brahmin family.
- Developed a passion for mathematics at a young age, teaching himself advanced concepts from books like "Synopsis of Elementary Results in Pure and Applied Mathematics".
- Fell behind in other subjects due to his intense focus on mathematics,
 eventually losing his scholarship to the Government College at Kumbakonam.
- Worked as a clerk while continuing his mathematical research, sending letters and papers to mathematicians like Hardy.

Collaboration with Hardy and Cambridge:

- Hardy recognized Ramanujan's genius and invited him to Cambridge University in 1914.
- Collaborated with Hardy on various mathematical problems, including number theory and infinite series.
- Published papers in English and European journals, gaining international recognition.
- Became a Fellow of the Royal Society and a Fellow of Trinity College, despite facing some racist opposition.

Later Life and Legacy:

- Contracted tuberculosis in 1917 and returned to India in 1919.
- Died in Kumbakonam in 1920 at the young age of 32.
- His work continues to inspire mathematicians today, with his notebooks containing theorems and formulas that are still being studied.
- His life story has been the subject of books and films, including "The Man Who Knew Infinity: A Life of the Genius Ramanujan".

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Ramanujan's story is a testament to the power of passion, perseverance, and the ability of the human mind to overcome obstacles and achieve greatness.

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