**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".**

**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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