



Leonardo da Vinci  
(1452 - 1519)

[Pinhole camera,  
Diffraction]



Galileo Galilei  
(1564 - 1642)

[Refracting Telescope]



Pierre de Fermat  
(1607 - 1665)

[College Dropout,  
Fermat's Principle]



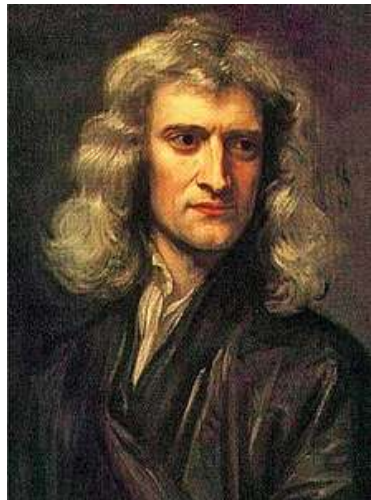
Francesco Maria  
Grimaldi  
(1618 - 1663)

[Diffraction, Grating]



Christiaan Huygens  
(1629 - 1695)

[Wave Theory]



Isaac Newton  
(1643 - 1727)

[Dispersion]



Thomas Young  
(1773 - 1829)

[Proved Wave Theory]



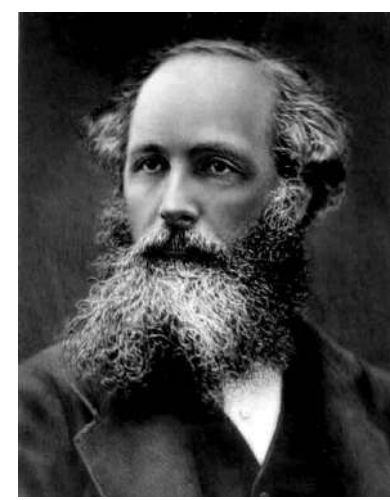
Joseph von  
Fraunhofer  
(1787 - 1826)

[Spectroscope, grating]



Augustin-Jean  
Fresnel  
(1787 - 1826)

[Polarization]



James Clerk  
Maxwell  
(1831 - 1879)

[Light = EM Field]