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Full name & life dates: Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

Family: Born in Ulm, Germany to a secular Jewish family.

Education: ETH Zurich, Swiss Patent Office job in Bern.

Key Contributions: Theory of relativity, photoelectric effect (Nobel Prize 1921), $E = mc^2$.

Career: Taught in Europe, emigrated to the U.S. in 1933; Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.

Personal: Two marriages, three children; known for pacifism and Zionist views.

Legacy: Foundational figure in modern physics; over 300 scientific publications.