

Did You Know These Interesting Facts About Senior Accomplishments?

- **Sophocles** was 89 when he wrote *Oedipus at Colonus*, one of his dramatic masterpieces.
- On the day of his death, at the age of 78, **Galileo** was said to be planning a new kind of clock that would tell time—in minutes and seconds, not just hours—using a pendulum swing instead of movement of water or sand.
- **Isaac Newton**, better known for his scientific achievements, became a scourge of counterfeiters as the Warden of the Royal Mint, a position he held until his death in his mid 80s.
- **Benjamin Franklin** only retired from public service when he was 82.
- **Benjamin Disraeli** was 70 when he became prime minister of England for the second time.
- **Susan B. Anthony** was past 80 when she formed the International Woman Suffrage Alliance.
- **Henrik Ibsen** was 71 when he wrote his last play, *When We Dead Awaken*.
- **Mary Baker Eddy** was 86 when she founded the *Christian Science Monitor* newspaper.
- **Alexander Graham Bell** was 75 when he received a patent for his work on a hydrofoil boat.
- **Sarah Bernhardt** was 78 when she acted in her last stage performance—*La Gloire* by Maurice Rostand.
- **Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.** was reading Plato in Greek when he was 92.
- **Ignace Paderewski** was 79 when he retired from playing the piano in concerts.
- **George Bernard Shaw** was working on his last play, *Why She Would Not*, when he was 94.
- **Grandma Moses** received her last commission as an artist when she was 99.

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- **Robert Frost** was 88 when his last volume of poems, *In the Clearing*, was published.
- **General Douglas MacArthur** was 70 when given command of the United Nations' army in the Korean War.
- **Winston Churchill** was 79 when he received the Nobel Prize for Literature.
- **Igor Stravinski** was 84 when he completed his last work, "Requiem Canticles."
- **W. Somerset Maugham** was 85 when his last book, *Points of View*, was published.
- **Charles DeGaulle** was 75 when he was reelected president of France.
- **Pablo Picasso** produced 347 engravings in his 87th year.
- **David Ben-Gurion** was 84 when he finally retired from political life in Israel.

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