

Questions

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- Stephen was a cox for a rowing crew.
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Accept any two of the following answers: took the eleven-plus; took university entrance exams; went to university.

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Accept: 'Stephen compromised' only

6. Sum up Stephen's scientific discoveries.

Accept any reasonable summary linked to the text, e.g. Stephen discovered a type of radiation that is able to escape from black holes, despite the fact that nothing else can; he used this knowledge to show that space and time began with the Big Bang and would end in black holes.

7. Why do you think Stephen was so popular?

Children's own responses, e.g. He was popular because many people are fascinated by space; Stephen tried to answer the questions that are often asked about the universe and was a funny man.

8. How is Stephen similar to another famous explorer or scientist?

Accept any reasonable comparison to another scientist of the child's choice.

9. Why do you think Stephen was inspired by his maths teacher?

Accept any reasonable explanation linked to the text, e.g. His maths teacher took the time to work with him on things that interested him (building computers) and so Stephen would have been inspired to be like this man.