



**François Jacob ( 1920 - 2013 )** On 17 of June 1920, in Nancy, the city in the east of French, was born

François Jacob, the only child of Simon and Thérèse Jacob.

His father was a merchant, but an equally important role in the development of young François, played his grandfather - Albert Franck, a four-star general.

From the beginning he was a very inquisitive child, he learned to read at a young age.

He attended for ten years a very prestigious Parisian school - Lycée Carnot.

Many years later he described this school as “a cage”.

He was interested and talented in physics and mathematics, but finally he started medical studies at the Sorbonne (University of Paris).

He had to interrupt the studies because of World War II.

During the German occupation of France Jacob left France to Great Britain, joined the war effort and worked for the medical company of the “French 2nd Armored Division in 1940”.



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