

## PreCalculus Final Project 2002: There ought to be a movie!

Read *Mathematics in the Movies*, by Wayne Patterson from *The Washington Post*, Friday, January 4, 2002; Page A27. The author proposes that there are many mathematicians whose lives would make great movies. Find one and then convince us.

Research a mathematician. Everyone must pick a different person and sign up. First one signed up wins! Choose someone with a slant that interests you: a woman, a poet, an artist, young, old, ethnicity, country, a particular math topic... etc.

### Sources

Index of Mathematician Biographies: <http://www-groups.dcs.st-andrews.ac.uk/~history/BiogIndex.html>

This has biographies of mathematicians listed alphabetically and by year. You need to have an idea of what you are looking for or spend a long time browsing.

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Present a movie proposal to the class (5 – 10 minutes.) Make sure you use a visual aid, for example, a poster or a Power Point presentation. Be sure to include: background (life and times), what we can learn (mathematics discovered/developed) and why we would want to watch this movie (human interest.)

Hand in a 1 – 2 page summary paper.