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Otto Hahn – His Life and His Impact on Science and Mankind

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The lecture describes Otto Hahn's youth in Frankfurt and his growing interest in chemistry and how his teachers, professors Theodor Zincke (Marburg), Adolf von Bayer (Munich), William Ramsay (London), Ernest Rutherford (Montreal) and Emil Fischer (Berlin) paved the way for him to become one of the world's leading radiochemists. In addition to his important discoveries in the field of radionuclides (like nuclear fission), his role in World War I and during the Nazi era is presented. After the Second World War, he made a decisive contribution to the reconstruction of German scientific structures.

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