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**'Unravelling the double helix':**

Watson, Crick and Wilkins shared a Nobel Prize for cracking the structure of DNA in 1953. In fact, this was the last piece in a massive jigsaw puzzle which others had taken decades to assemble. We all know about Rosalind Franklin and her celebrated Photograph 51 - but what about Oswald Avery, Erwin Chargaff and the PhD student who took his own version of Photograph 51 over a year before Franklin?