## **Isaac Newton**

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Directions: Underline the words in the story as you find them, unscramble them and write them in the boxes below.

Sir Isaac Newton when he was a boy, was more interested in making mechanical devices than in studying. He wanted to go to college, but he didn't have the money to go. He enrolled at the lowest entry. In this position he had to serve the other students by running errands for them. When the university shut down because of the plague, he went home and continued to study on his own. He had a notebook with 140 blank pages and he began to fill them with notes as he read and experimented. The famous apple incident led to his three basic laws of motion: An object in motion tends to remain in motion unless an external force stops it; an object moves in a straight line unless some force diverts it; and for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. His second discovery was about light and the properties of light. He also made a reflecting telescope to use in his studies. Newton's third great discovery was in the field of math when he developed a kind of math we call calculus. By the time he was in his mid 50's he had worn himself out and suffered from exhaustion. Some were even afraid he might have mercury poisoning caused by his experiments. Sir Isaac Newton never married. It is said he was very generous with his nieces and nephews and with the scientists who helped him in his work.

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