



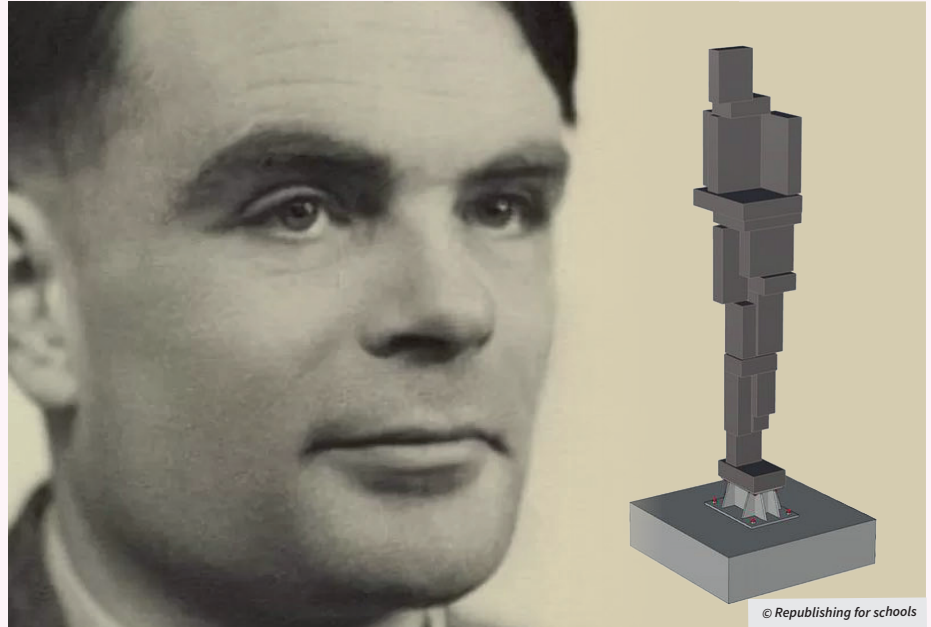
NEWS DETECTIVES

TODAY'S NEWS STORY

New statue remembers Britain's gay war hero

KEYWORDS

- ☐ **LGBT+:** Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and other identities
- ☐ **Allies:** Countries, including Britain and the US, who fought the Nazis
- ☐ **Nazis:** The party of Adolf Hitler that ruled Germany during World War Two
- ☐ **AI:** Artificial intelligence, computers that can think



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In spite of his heroic war efforts, Alan Turing was a victim of harsh British laws against LGBT+ people. Gay people were even sent to prison. In 2017, the UK government passed the Turing law pardoning everyone punished for being gay.

The code-breaker, pioneer of computer science, and **LGBT+** history icon Alan Turing has been honoured with a statue by the artist Antony Gormley.

Code

The statue doesn't look like him. But once you get the pattern, you can see a human shape. It's a kind of code. That would have made Alan Turing happy, some think.

Turing was a maths genius. His ideas helped to make computers possible. And his work on codes during World

War Two made him a war hero.

He was also a gay man when it was illegal to be LGBT. He was punished for his "crimes" and died soon after, in 1954.

As more people have learned what he did, and the injustice of his treatment, he has become an icon of LGBT history.

Whizz kid

The statue stands in Kings College, part of the University of Cambridge, where Turing worked. He was appointed

in 1924, aged only 22.

Solving the Enigma

When war broke out, he used his maths skills to build a machine that let the **Allies** crack codes used by the **Nazis**.

Without him, the war might have gone on much longer.

Ahead of his time

After the war, Turing built one of the first computers. He also came up with key ideas about **AI**.

He died before computers could do what he said they could. But time has proved him right.



INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

DO WE FINALLY LIVE IN AN EQUAL WORLD?

WHAT
field did
Alan Turing
work in?

WHO
made the new
statue of
Turing?

WHERE
is the new
statue?

WHEN
did Alan
Turing die?

WHY
was he so
important to the
war effort?

HOW
else was he
important?

1 CHECK YOUR FACTS

Make sure you have all the facts before you start your investigation. Can you answer these questions?

2 KNOW YOUR KEYWORDS

Can you remember what these keywords mean? Match the word to the correct meaning.

1=D

2=

3=

4=

1. LGBT+

2. Allies

3. Nazis

4. AI

A. Countries, including Britain and the US, who fought the Nazis

B. The party of Adolf Hitler that ruled Germany during World War Two

C. Artificial intelligence, computers that can think

D. Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and other identities

3 LOOK AT ALL SIDES

There's always more than one side to every story. How might the people involved feel about the story?



Computer scientists



The LGBT community



People who work at Cambridge University



People who hate modern art



Happy



Sad



Calm



Excited



Surprised



Angry



Scared



Bored



Disgusted



Confused

4 DISCUSS THE QUESTION

Do we finally live in an equal world?

What do you think?

Use the speaking prompts here to help you get started.

I disagree with...

I agree with...

I'm not sure about...

I'd like to know more about...

I think that...

I don't think that...



5 REPORT BACK

Write, present or record a report that communicates your view. Share this with your class, family and friends. What's their opinion?