Emily Brontë

**FAMILY**
- **Father:** Patrick Brontë, an Irish clergyman
- **Mother:** Maria Branwell, died when Emily was only 3
- **Aunt:** their mother’s sister, Elizabeth brought up the children
- **Siblings:** 4 sisters (Maria, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Anne), 1 brother (Branwell)
  - Her two older sisters, Maria and Elizabeth died in 1825

**EDUCATION**
- **1824** Clergy Daughters’ School in Cowan Bridge, Lancashire
- **1825** Moved home and their father taught her and her sisters
- **1842** Moved to Brussels, Belgium to study French

**WORK**
- **1838** Private teacher in Halifax, Yorkshire
- **1839** Moved home and taught in the Sunday school

**LITERARY CAREER**
- **Novel:** *Wuthering Heights* (1847)

**RELATIONSHIPS**
- **Marriage:** Emily never got married.
- **Friends:** She loved being alone and her closest friends were her sisters and brother.

**INTERESTING FACTS**
- Emily loved the Yorkshire countryside so much that she became sad and ill when she was away from it.
- As teenagers, Emily, and her sister Charlotte created stories about the imaginary Kingdom of Angria. Later they wrote about the fictional island of Gondal.
- She played the piano.
- She taught herself German.
- Emily and Charlotte opened a school in their own home but they had to close it because they didn’t have enough students.
- In 1846 Emily, Charlotte and Anne published *Poems by Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell*, but it was a commercial disaster.