

Emily Brontë

**Born**

30 July 1818,
Thornton, Yorkshire,
England

Died

19 December, 1848,
Haworth, Yorkshire,
England

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.