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Episode #10: Nobel Peace Prize

Tonight we'll answer the question, "How is a Nobel Peace Prize winner selected?"

The Nobel Peace Prize committee has only five members, elected by Norway's parliament.

Each September the Peace Prize committee sends out invitations to several thousand notables around the world: university professors, judges, former Nobel honourees, etc. These people are invited to nominate worthy candidates for the award.

From the replies they receive, the committee screens hundreds of nominees and makes a shortlist.

That shortlist is reviewed and commented upon by advisers to the committee. Then the five committee members vote. It's that simple.

Now that you know how it works, perhaps you can become the next Wangari Maathai or Kofi Annan.

