



Mary Leakey

To understand the life of Mary Leakey and her work about fossils.



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2	2
3	3

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Challenge: Add your own opinion about Mary's work or life.

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