

JAMES WATSON AND THE RACE FOR THE DNA STRUCTURE

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http://www.ted.com/talks/james_watson_on_how_he_discovered_dna/transcript

The 25th of April of 1953 turned out to be the end of one of the most hard-fought competitions in science, which was the discovery of the structure of deoxiribonucleic acid. As it was a race, there were more than two players in this game. As well as Watson and Crick, we could talk about Linus Pauling, Rosalind Franklin and Maurice Wilkins, for example.

I could not live the discovery. That is why I need to be told by someone. I think the perfect candidate to do this task for me and for everyone who is in the same situation is James Watson.

I include in this little comment the link to his TED talk, explaining this peculiar story from his point of view. My little input to this is a Map who can help to everyone who is listening to this video to locate some places that appear in Watson's speech. Here you have the link, where you can also find some quotations of the talk that will help you matching both documents.

<https://mapsengine.google.com/map/edit?mid=zG0Sn5thbVMg.kluBsiTS0cUk>

ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

The original paper:

<http://www.nature.com/nature/dna50/watsoncrick.pdf>

The annotated version of the paper:

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/origins/coldspring/printit.html>