

Liu Xiaobo profile

■ **1955:** Born December 28, in city of Changchun, Jilin province, China

■ **1977-84:** Studies literature at Jilin and then Beijing Normal University, where he later becomes professor

■ **1987:** Publishes first of several books on philosophy – becomes best-seller

■ **1988:** Visiting scholar at universities in Oslo, Hawaii and New York

■ **1989:** Jailed for 20 months for his role in pro-democracy protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square that were crushed by armed troops

■ **1996:** Sentenced to three years in labour camp after criticising China's one-party political system. Marries **Liu Xia**

■ **2009:** Jailed for 11 years for "inciting subversion of state power" for his role in **Charter 08** movement – manifesto calls for new constitution, independent judiciary and freedom of expression

■ **2010: Awarded Nobel Peace Prize, infuriating Beijing**

