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Einstein's affinity for Britain began long before his residency there. The three scientists he most admired – Isaac Newton, Michael Faraday and James Clerk Maxwell – were all British. Young Einstein's passion for their work had sparked his scientific development around 1900. British astronomers had confirmed his general theory of relativity, making him internationally famous in 1919. Soon he was welcomed by the British people, who helped him campaign against Nazi anti-Semitism. He even intended to become a British citizen in 1933.

So why did Einstein then leave Britain for America, never to return to Europe?