J. Robert Oppenheimer was born in New York in 1904. Well educated, he graduated from Harvard and received his Ph.D. after study abroad. Oppenheimer was trained as a theoretical physicist and became the director of the Los Alamos Laboratory during the Manhattan Project. His role was to develop an atomic bomb, which he did with great success. However, his role in the Manhattan Project also led to his involvement in the development of the hydrogen bomb. Oppenheimer was a controversial figure, with many people accusing him of being a communist sympathizer and a security risk. In 1953, he was suspended from secret nuclear research as an alleged communist sympathizer and security risk.