

READING Activities



Malala Yousafzai

Champion for Education and Women's Rights

Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani human rights advocate who became a global symbol for girls' education and women's rights. Born in 1997 in Mingora, Pakistan, Malala grew up in the Swat Valley, where her father, Ziauddin, ran a school for girls. From a young age, Malala was passionate about education and often spoke out about the importance of girls attending school. Her activism began when the Pakistani Taliban took control of the Swat Valley and imposed strict rules, including banning girls from attending school. In 2009, when she was just 12 years old, she wrote a blog for the BBC Urdu, under a pseudonym, describing the challenges girls faced in accessing education. As her activism grew, Malala's story attracted attention, and she became a target for the Taliban. In 2012, she was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman while riding a bus home from school. Miraculously, she survived the attack and was flown to the United Kingdom for treatment.

Rather than silencing her, the attack only strengthened Malala's resolve. She continued to speak out for education and women's rights. In 2014, at the age of 17, she became the youngest-ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. She used the award to bring attention to the struggles of girls worldwide who are denied education due to violence, poverty, or discrimination.



Through the Malala Fund, she works to empower girls and promote education globally. Her inspiring journey has made her a symbol of courage, resilience, and hope for millions of girls around the world, showing that one voice can make a significant difference in the fight for equality and human rights.

After carefully reading the text, answer the questions below:

1 What is the main cause that Malala advocates for?

2 How did Malala first start her activism?

3 Why was she targeted by the Taliban?

4 What happened to her in 2012?



5 How did she respond after the attack on her?

6 What significant award did Malala receive in 2014?

7 What is the purpose of the Malala Fund?

8 What message does Malala's story send to the world?

 Now watch a video which is part of Malala's Nobel Prize speech:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hx0ajieM3M&t=106s>

Malala says in her speech: "It is time to take action so that it becomes the last time we see a child deprived of education". What measures do you think world leaders can take to help children gain better access to education? Express your ideas in a paragraph with justification.

 Write a letter to Malala in 150-200 words. Write about how you feel about what the Taliban did to her and about her efforts to help children and women around the world. You can mention her Nobel Prize and the speech and add any other ideas you feel would be suitable.



Malala Yousafzai-Teacher's B2

1.What is the main cause that Malala advocates for?

Malala advocates for girls' education and women's rights.

2.How did Malala first start her activism?

Malala first started her activism by writing a blog for BBC Urdu under a pseudonym, describing the challenges girls faced in accessing education.

3.Why was she targeted by the Taliban?

She was targeted by the Taliban because she was an outspoken advocate for girls' education, which went against the Taliban's rules in the Swat Valley, where they banned girls from attending school.

4. What happened to her in 2012?

In 2012, Malala was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman while riding a bus home from school. She survived the attack.

5. How did she respond after the attack on her?

After the attack, Malala continued her advocacy for education and women's rights, refusing to be silenced. She became even more determined to speak out.

6.What significant award did Malala receive in 2014?

In 2014, she became the youngest-ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

7.What is the purpose of the Malala Fund?

The purpose of the Malala Fund is to empower girls and promote education globally.

8.What message does Malala's story send to the world?

Malala's story sends the message that one voice can make a difference, showing the world the importance of education, equality, and resilience in the face of adversity.





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