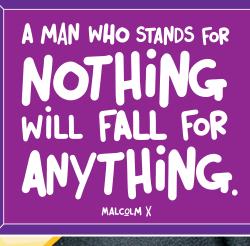


# BECAUSE OF MALCOLM X

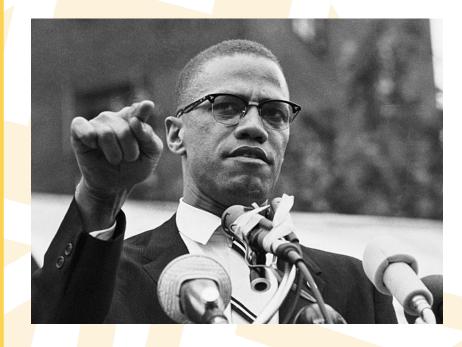
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## MALCOLM X

Read below to learn about who Malcolm X was and his life. Once you complete the reading answer the questions below. Make sure you look back at your text to help you.



Malcolm X is best known for being a **minister** and an **activist**. He was born Malcolm Little on May 19, 1925, in Omaha, Nebraska. However, he spent most of his life in Michigan. His father was also an activist and because of this, their family faced many threats. Eventually, Malcolm's father was killed.

Malcolm's mother had to raise seven children on her own after that and then

got really sick so the children had to go into a foster home. Malcolm X

was a good student but with everything happening in his life, he dropped out of school and started to steal and do other things to survive.

At 21 years old, Malcolm X went to jail. While he was in jail he learned of Elijah Muhammad and dropped his last name as he converted to Islam. After that, he rejected his last name *Little* and changed his name to Malcolm X.



After he was released from prison he became a very important leader and minister. Because of his preaching, his following grew to thousands of people. As this happened, Malcolm X started to become famous as a minister in the Nation of Islam and in the Civil Rights Movement. Malcolm X wanted Black



people to be able to have equal rights and freedom, but he also did not want Black people to be **defenseless**.

Malcolm X also gave many important speeches and even wrote his own **autobiography**. Unfortunately, he was killed at a rally in 1965 leaving behind his wife Betty and their six kids. Malcolm X left a legacy that inspired so many people to not give up fighting for the liberation of Blacks. Malcolm X was and still is a **revolutionary**.

READ & RESPOND
1. Where was Malcolm X born?
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2. What is Malcolm X's birth name?
3. How did Malcolm X die?
4. What is Malcolm X known for? How do you know?

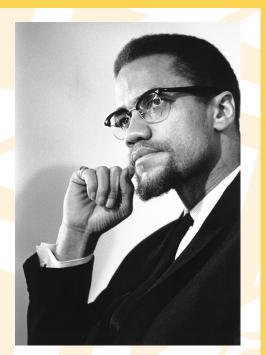
## AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF <u>YOU</u>!

An autobiography is the story of a real person's life written by themself. Malcolm X wrote an autobiography with the help of a journalist named Alex Haley. In this book, Malcolm X discusses details about his life, his family, and his beliefs.

Now it's your turn! You will complete the sheet below with details about your life for your own autobiography. Grab some extra paper in case you need more space, you might have a lot to say!

### Early Life:

What are the names of your Parents, Supporting Adults, and/ or Grandparents? Where were you born?



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**Minister:** a person whose job involves leading church services, performing religious ceremonies (such as marriages), and providing spiritual or religious guidance to other people.

Activist: a person who uses or supports strong actions (such as public protests) to help make changes in politics or society.

Foster home: a place where another family will provide the care that a parent usually gives to a child.

**Defenseless:** not able to defend yourself, your country, etc.

Autobiography: the story of a real person's life written by themself.

**Revolutionary:** someone who leads, joins, or wants a revolution.

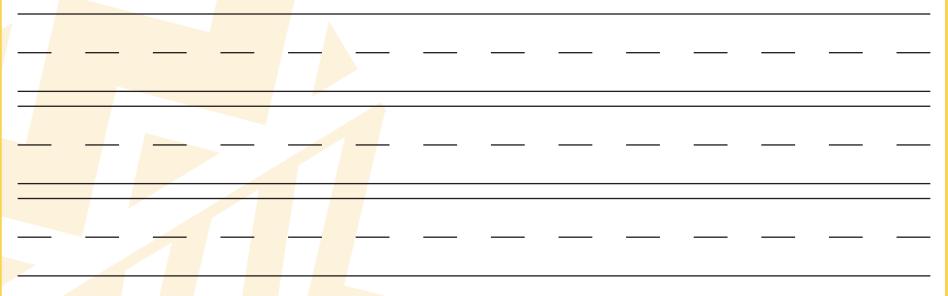




# AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF <u>YOU</u>!

### Passions and Talents:

What is something that you really enjoy? What are three words that describe you?



### Life Events:

Choose a major event in your life and explain it. What is one important lesson that you have learned?

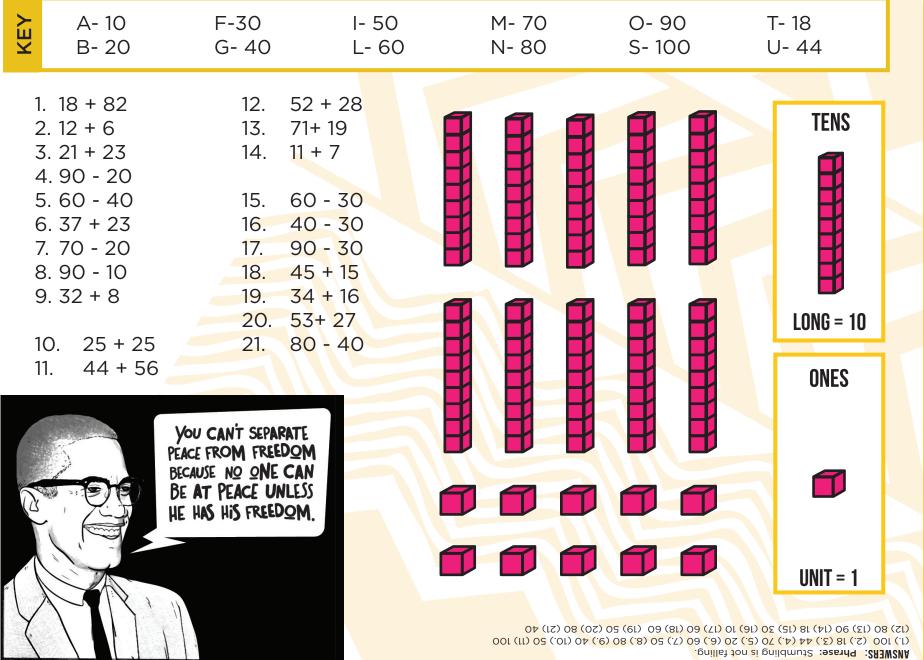
Future: What do you hope to do in the future?



# MALCOLM X MYSTERY MESSAGE

Malcolm X said many powerful things during his lifetime. He was a notable speaker and writer. He has many thoughtful quotes about many topics like education, freedom, and life.

Below you will complete math problems to reveal one of the quotes that he said. This guote is one that has a very important message. It is also a guote that Malcolm X proved. was true through his own life. Solve the problems by drawing tens and one blocks to find out the secret message.



I WILL HELP

**OTHERS ALONG** 

THE WAY.



I WILL HONOR THE SACRIFICES OF MY ANCESTORS.