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BECAUSE OF MALCOLM X

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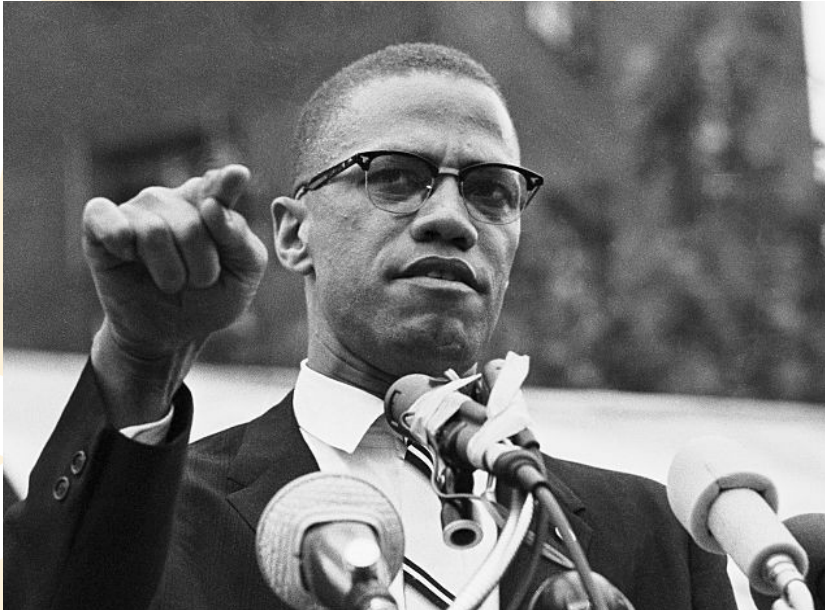
A MAN WHO STANDS FOR
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Read below to learn about who Malcolm X was and his life. Once you complete the reading answer the questions below. Make sure you look back at your text to help you.

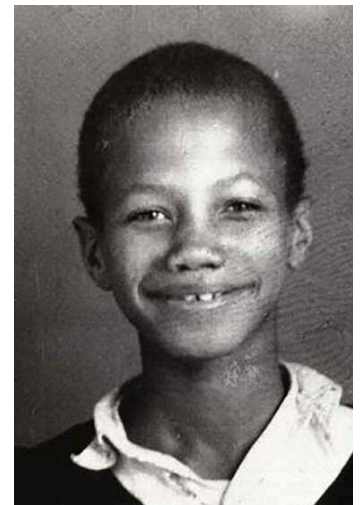


Malcolm X is best known for being a **minister** and an **activist**. He was born Malcolm Little on May 19, 1925, in Omaha, Nebraska. However, he spent most of his life in Michigan. His father was also an activist and was a part of a group called UNIA. Because of this, their family faced many threats and eventually Malcolm's father was killed, although the police said that it was an accident.

Malcolm's mother had to raise seven children on her own after that. But she eventually had mental health issues which

caused the children to have 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 sustain himself.

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 changed his name and rejected his last name Little which he called his "slave name."



After he was released from prison he became a **prominent** 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 very important speeches and even wrote his own **autobiography**. Unfortunately, he was assassinated by a Black Muslim 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?

2. What is Malcolm X's birth name?

3. What was something that happened that really shaped Malcolm X's life and how?

4. How did Malcolm X die?

5. What is Malcolm X known for? How do you know?

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF YOU!

An autobiography is the story of a real person's life written by themselves. 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 use the following questions to brainstorm important events, lessons, people, and future **aspirations** so that you can write a paragraph or a few paragraphs about your own life. Use the questions as a guide but you can add or take away any information that you would like.*



Early Life:

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

GLOSSARY

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.

Prominent: important and well-known.

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

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

Aspirations: something that a person wants very much to achieve.

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





AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF YOU!

Passions and Talents:

What is something that you really enjoy? What makes you unique?

What are three words that describe you?

Life Events:

Choose 3 major events in your life and explain them. What people or events have inspired or changed you? What is one important thing that you have learned?

Future:

What do you hope to do in the future? What are some goals you have?

What do you want your legacy to be?



MALCOLM X MYSTERY MESSAGE

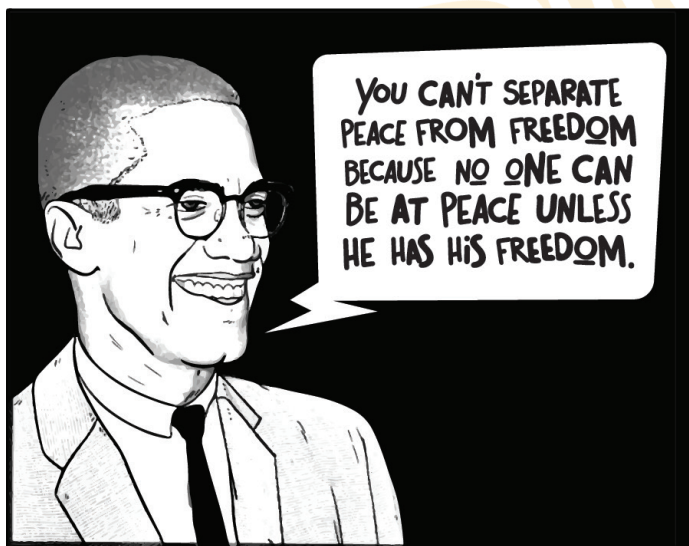
Malcolm X said many powerful things during his lifetime. He was a notable speaker and writer. He has many thoughtful quotes about many topics like education, freedom, and life.

Below you will complete math problems to reveal one of the quotes that he said. This quote is one that has a very important message. It is also a quote 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.

KEY

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B- 3525	G- 4000	L- 570	N- 99	S- 467	U- 6393

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Education is the passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to those
who prepare for it today.

ANSWERS: Phrase: Stumbling is not falling. (1.) 467 (2.) 3521 (3.) 6393 (4.) 6395 (5.) 5525 (6.) 570 (7.) 460 (8.) 99 (9.) 4000 (10.) 460 (11.) 467 (12.) 99 (13.) 100 (14.) 3521 (15.) 7797 (16.) 358 (17.) 570 (18.) 570 (19.) 460 (20.) 99 (21.) 4000

TAKE THE PLEDGE

I WILL HONOR
THE SACRIFICES OF
MY ANCESTORS.

I WILL BELIEVE
IN ME.

I WILL PURSUE
MY DREAMS.

I WILL HELP
OTHERS ALONG
THE WAY.