

Who is Malala Yousafzai? Answer Key

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Malala Yousafzai has been fighting all her life for girls' rights to an education.

Born in 1997, Malala lived in an area in Pakistan under control by the Taliban. The Taliban believed that only boys should go to school.

At the age of 11, in 2008, Malala started a blog about her life at school. She wrote that fewer and fewer girls were coming to school because they feared the Taliban. Eventually, the Taliban completely banned girls from going to school and closed all girls' schools.



Both Malala and her father continued to speak out against the Taliban. In 2012, when Malala was 15, the Taliban tried to kill her. She was injured very badly by a gunshot and went to Britain for medical treatment.

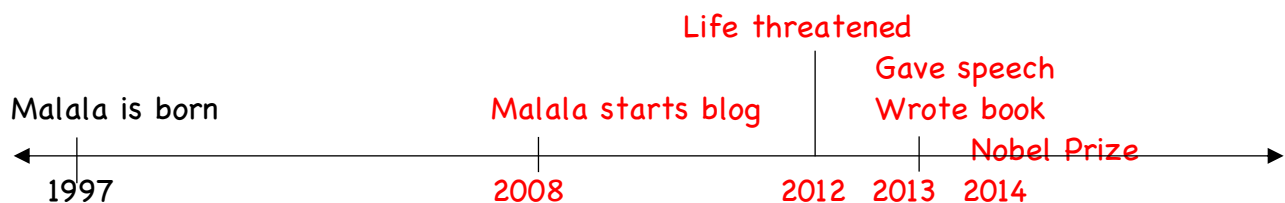
By this time Malala had the attention of the whole world. In 2013, only one year after the attempt on her life, Malala gave a speech at the United Nations. She talked about human rights and the right to education for all.

In that same year, she helped write the book, *I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education* and was shot by the Taliban. Unfortunately, the book was banned in many Pakistani schools.

The following year, in 2014, Malala won the Nobel Peace Prize. At the age of 17, she became the youngest person ever to win that honor.

Malala continues to work for women's rights and non-violent protest. She inspires girls around the world to be brave and speak out for what they believe.

Comprehension Activity: Make a time-line of the events in Malala's life.



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Extension: have students find out what has happened in Malala's life since 2014, add to the timeline/start new timeline

Critical Thinking Activity: Certain events can cause (create) consequences (the results of these actions). Identify the causes and their consequences that you find in the reading.

Cause	Consequence
The Taliban believed girls shouldn't go to school	Malala writes a blog about girls being scared to go to school
Malala and her father speak out against the Taliban	Taliban tries to kill Malala
Injured by the gunshot	Moves to Britain for medical help
World hears about Malala almost dying	Asked to give speech to the UN Writes a book
Malala writes a book	Book is banned in Pakistan
Her activism is noticed	Wins the Nobel Peace Prize
Wins the Nobel Prize	Opportunities to keep helping girls

Writing Activity: Mala started a blog about her life in Pakistan, where the Taliban believed that only boys should go to school. Why do you think that it is important that all children get the chance the go to school?

Answers will vary based on students. For younger/ELL learners, consider writing sentence frames on the board for them to follow, such as "Education is important because...."