



Malala Yousafzai

Born: 12th July 1997 - Mingora, Pakistan Education: Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford Activist for Female Education Nobel Peace Prize laureate of 2014

Her Story

In 2009, at 11 years old, the Taliban took control of Malala's home town in Swat Valley. The extremist organisation banned many things, among which was an order to ban girls from attending education. That's when she became an activist; Standing up for the rights of education for everyone from everywhere.

In October 2012, a masked Taliban gunman boarded her bus from her hidden girl's school and asked for Malala, He shot her on the left side of her head. Malala was transported to a hospital nearby but she was severely injured, more than would the hospital could care for, so she would be airlifted to a hospital in Birmingham, England. After months of surgeries and rehabilitation, she joined her family in their new home in the UK. That was when she was given a choice: Live a Quiet Life, or Make the Most of the new life she had been given. She was determined to continue

Sources: her fight until every girl could go to school.

Wikipedia malala.org

We need to encourage girls that their voice matters. I think there are hundreds and thousands of Malalas out there.

- Malala

Source: malala.org

2013

On her 16th Birthday (July 12th 2023), Malala spoke at the United Nations, calling for all children to have access to education. The UN recognised July 12 as Malala Day, in honour of her bravery to advocate and highlight her struggles at the cost of her own protection.

With her father, her ally and inspiration, she created the Malala Fund, an organisation dedicated to giving every girl access to the opportunity of education and to choose their own future.

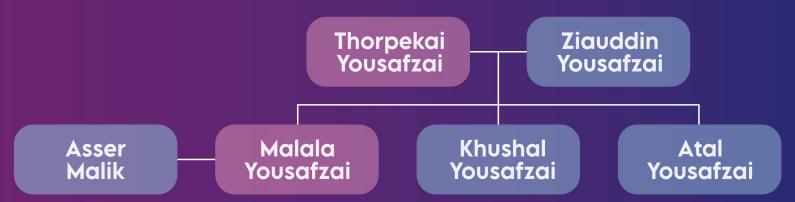
2014

In December 2014, She received the Nobel Peace Prize alongside Kailash Satyarthi "for their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education". To this day, Malala is the youngest ever Nobel Prize laureate (aged 17).

2017

In 2017, Malala started studying Philosophy, Politics and Economics at the University of Oxford (Lady Margaret Hall). Every day, she continued to fight to ensure all girls receive 12 years of education. She travelled to many countries, from Brazil to Nigeria to Iraq, to meet girls fighting against poverty, wars, child marriage, and gender discrimination to go to school. Malala graduated from Oxford University (LMH) in 2020.

Her Family



Malala & Her Family Facts:

- Khushal Likes to Watch Netflix on Malala's Account
- Malala is a fan of Taylor Swift
- Malala frequently posts on TikTok (@malala)
- Malala loves to gossip
- Malala has now released 2 books
 - "I am Malala" is her first book and is about her story
 - "Finding My Way" is her second book and is about her making her path in life.
- Malala loves to collect pens

Source: Malala's TikTok

Her Impact

Malala has made an impact for many years. In 2013, shortly after Malala's UN speech, MIC (mic.com) made an online release titled:

"10 Ways Malala Yousafzai Has Changed the World" which went on to explain how fearless Malala is, how she has managed to get people listening and signing up to petitions, how she started the Malala fund to fund education in countries that can't afford education or won't allow it. It gives a few points, many which still resonate until this day, such as:

"She has shown us there is no age limit to stand up to injustice".

Source: MIC

Backlash

With the Internet being widely available to many, Malala has seen more backlash over the past couple of years. Take for example Malala's interview with British VOGUE where she stated: "I still don't understand why people have to get married. If you want to have a person in your life, why do you have to sign marriage papers, why can't it just be a partnership?" This sparked some outrage on websites such as X, primarily from Pakistanis. "One X user stated he was mad that the Taliban hadn't killed her before her statement about marriage caused shame to Pakistan" and "This accursed woman with a slanted face is ridiculing the way of my prophet" was stated in an article from NPR's Goats and Soda publication.

In Response, Ziauddin Yousafzai (Malala's Father) stated:
"Social media misinterpreted what she said, taking out selective things out of context changing it and interpreting it" (this has been sourced from the NPR Goats and Soda article as the original post has not been found).

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