



The Voice of Malala

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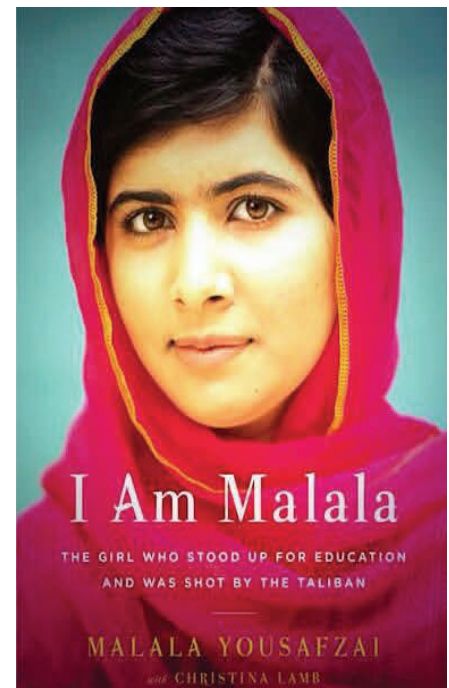
One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the

WORLD

I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood up for Education and was Shot in the Head by the Taliban is an autobiographical book written by Malala Yousafzai. Malala explains her life growing up in Swat Pakistan. As a daughter, Malala's life was considerably different than that of her brothers. At a young age her passionate voice could not be silenced. Malala became a very outspoken girl; demanding education for girls just like herself. She learned this passion and drive from her father, and believed that education was the key to her future. Malala is so determined to get an education that she sneaks to school, hiding her books and abandoning her

school uniform. Her willingness to stand up for this belief makes her a target for the Taliban, a religious group that has very different ideas about the roles of women in Pakistan society. One day, on the way home from school, Malala is shot in the head. The bullet doesn't kill her but, as she describes, has only made her stronger.

"I was a girl in a land where rifles are fired in celebration of a son, while daughters are hidden away behind a curtain, their role in life simply to prepare food and give birth to children." - Malala



A voice for all Girls

"This is now my life's work, my mission, my dream"- Malala





The Impact

The Taliban's attempt to kill Malala received worldwide condemnation and led to an outcry from all across Pakistan. In the weeks after the attack, over **2 million** people signed a right to education petition, and the National Assembly swiftly authenticated Pakistan's first *Right To Free and Compulsory Education Bill*.

“I want
to
serve the
people”

“There are many problems, but I think there is a solution to all these problems; it's just one, and it's education.”

-Malala

Malala: A true example of a Servant Leader

Malala is a true example of a servant leader. After being shot in the head by the Taliban, Malala thanked God for being spared “I want to help people, please help me to do that...I was spared for a reason-to use my life for helping people.” (pg 301) As a servant leader, Malala puts girls all around the world (her followers) first, she wants to empower them and be a voice for them. Malala had a voice that could not be silenced. She was

persistent, in a world where her voice ‘should’ not be heard. Her words spoke volumes. “Let us pick up our books and pens...they are the most powerful weapons” (pg.310). She demonstrates an immense commitment to the growth of people. “I would like everyone to know that I don’t want support for myself, I want the support to be for my cause of peace and education” (pg. 311). “Deep in my heart, I hoped to reach every

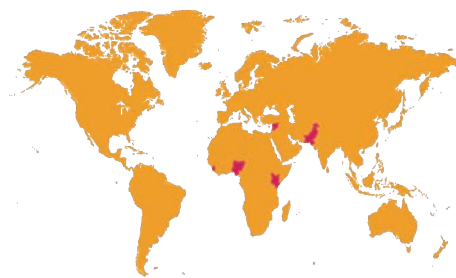
child who could take courage from my words and stand up for his or her rights” (pg.310) Malala is a visionary, and shows stewardship- taking responsibility for the leadership role entrusted to her. (Northouse, 2016) She empowers girls and people all over the world and aspires for all children to have the right to an education. “I didn’t get a chance to answer their question ‘Who is Malala?’ or I would have explained to them why they should let us girls go to school”. (pg.242)

Transformational Leadership

"While I was lying in that bed waiting to take my first steps in a new world, Gordon Brown, the UN special envoy for education and former prince minister of Britain, had launched a petition under the slogan 'I am Malala' to demand no child be denied a school by 2015" (pg.289) Malala's story has had such a strong effect on the world. Her leadership has positively affected the world and has lead to a united global change. "I don't want to be known as 'the girl who was shot by the Taliban' but the 'girl who fought

for education'. This is the cause to which I want to devote my life" (pg.309). Malala has become an inspirational motivating leader. She has high expectations and has inspired others "to become committed to and apart of the shared vision" (Nothouse, pg. 169) Through her story and her work with the Malala fund, Malala hopes to be the voice of the millions of girls around the world who are being denied education and motivate and inspire them to

realize their potential. This young "double-jointed" "joke telling" girl has transformed the world.



The Malala Fund

"Over 60 million girls are missing out on education because they have to work, are married early, lack access to school facilities, or have to care for younger siblings, denying them their fundamental right to education."

<https://www.malala.org/>

"The Malala Fund is working for 12 years of education for every girl. We partner with organizations that are led by local leaders and focused on improving girls' access to safe, quality, and relevant education"

Malala Fund is working on projects in

- Pakistan
- Nigeria
- Kenya
- Sierra Leone
- And with Syrian Refugees



<https://www.facebook.com/MalalaFund>

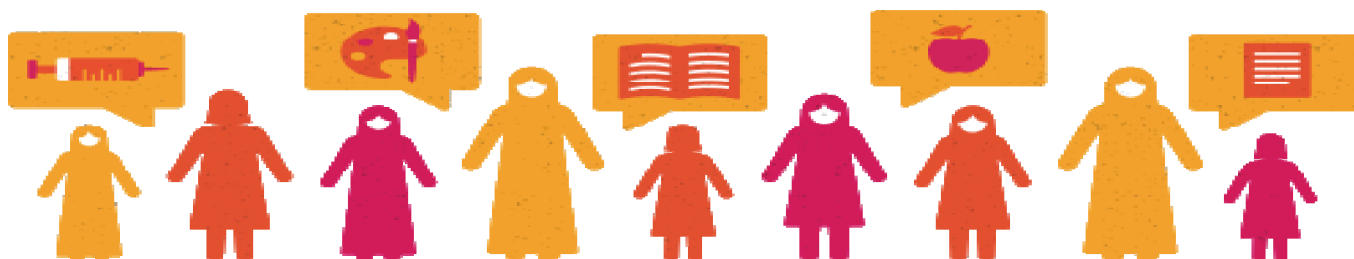
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"I am not a lone voice, I am many"

Amplify, Invest, Advocate



I am Malala

- Born July 12 1997 in Swat District of Pakistan
- Sunni Muslim
- Pushtan ethnicity
- Her name, Malala means "grief stricken"
- Named after a Malalai of Maiwand, a poetess and warrior women from Afghanistan
- Daughter to Ziauddin and Tor Pekai Yousafzai
- Father is a poet, school owner and educational activist
- Began speaking out for girls rights in September 2008
- In 2009 she became a trainee and peer educator in the Institute for War and Peace
- Blogger for the Urdu BBC
- October 9 2012, on her way home from school, she was shot in the head by Taliban gunman
- July 12 2013, on the day of her 16th birthday, became known as Malala Day
- October 10, 2014, Malala was the co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize
- Since, she was won 40+ awards
- Opened Malala Fund



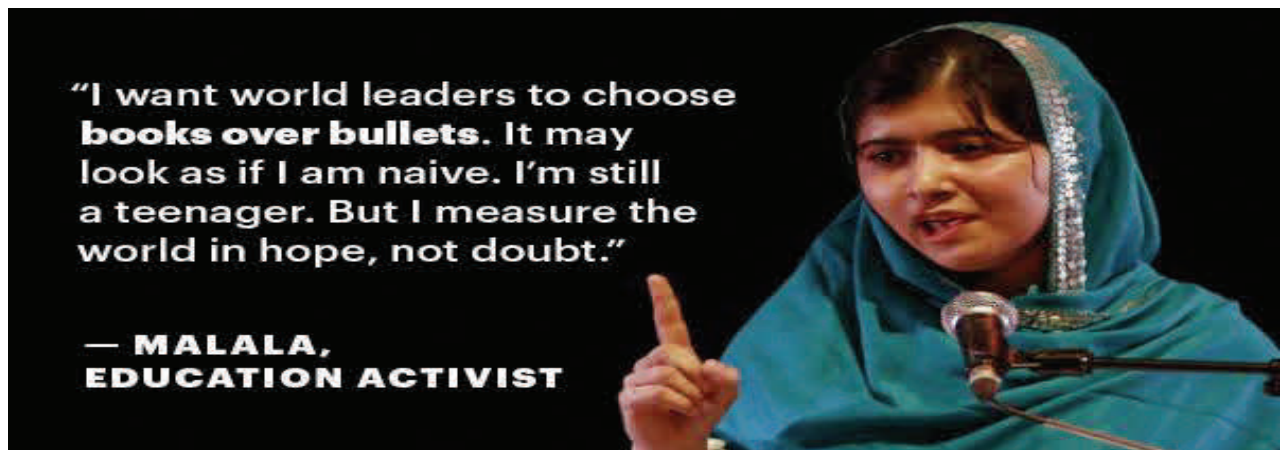
How can you make your
voice heard?

How does Malala inspire
you?

Will you sign the petition?

How can we eradicate

injustice through education?



Sign the petition TODAY...

<https://www.change.org/p/stand-withmalala-for-girls-education>



I am Malala: The Girl who Stood up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban was both challenging to read and tremendously inspiring. Prior to reading this book, my only knowledge of Malala and her story was from the news. I knew she was a remarkable girl with an incredible story but I wanted to learn more. Reading her story was challenging: I had little understanding of the what life was like in Pakistan for anyone, not to mention girls. With the turn of each page, my heart swelled and shattered as I learned more and more about Malala's life. Her spirit and passion was evident in each word she wrote. She truly is an inspiration and demonstrates strong and effective leadership. Her book, has a lot of unique features that were very helpful for a reader. The inclusion of pictures, a glossary and the conversation between Malala and her editor, were excellent additions that aided in my understanding of her story. Malala's message is strong and powerful and remains undiluted across the world.

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