

High School Foundations English Summer Reading Questions

Who Is Malala Yousafzai? by Dinah Brown

Who is Malala:

1. What are two things Malala loved about school?

2. How old was Malala when her life changed?

3. Who started destroying the girls' schools?

4. What happened to Malala on October 9, 2012?

5. *True or False:* Malala died when she was shot.

Chapter 1:

1. What is the date Malala was born?

2. Where was she born?

3. What are Malala's parents names?

4. Why was Malala's mom sad when her daughter was born?

5. Highlight or write two important facts from the page labeled "Islam."

6. What does Malala's name mean?

7. Highlight or write two important facts from the page labeled "The Pashtun People."

8. Highlight or write two important facts from the page labeled “Malalai of Maiwand.”

Chapter 2:

1. What is Malala’s little brother’s name?

2. List three things that Malala liked to do with her family.

3. Pick one saying from the “The Poems of Rumi” page. Why did you pick that saying?

Chapter 3:

1. What is the name of Malala’s youngest brother?

2. How old was Malala when he was born?

3. What is the official language in Pakistan?

4. What is one book series that Malala enjoyed reading?

5. Do you think it would be fun to be a vampire? Why or why not?

6. The Yousafzai family bought a TV, why do you think this was a treat?

7. What is the name of a TV show that Malala liked?

8. What was the name of the group of people in charge of Afghanistan?

9. What happened to women when they disobeyed the Taliban?

10. What is the name of Malala's best friend?

Chapter 4:

1. Describe a burqa.

2. What was the goal of the Taliban?

3. List three things the Taliban took away from women?

4. *True or False:* Malala did not agree with what the Taliban were saying.

5. *True or False:* Malala thought women should have the same rights as men.

6. In what year did the Pakistan army come to stop the Taliban?

7. What happened to the Swat Valley at this time?

Chapter 5:

1. What was Malala's biggest fear?

2. How did Malala feel when her school closed?

3. What was the name of the speech that Malala gave in September 2008?

4. How old was Malala when she started writing for the BBC?

5. What is one thing you learned from the page labeled “The BBC?”

6. What was the name of Malala’s blog?

7. What is one thing that Malala and her father told the reporters about?

8. On what day did Malala’s school close?

9. Why did Malala and her family leave Mingora in May?

10. Why does Malala want to be a politician?

Chapter 6:

1. What award did Malala receive?

2. In three sentences, write what happened to Malala on October 9, 2012.

3. List three things that made Malala a “regular” girl.

4. Why did Malala get transferred to a hospital in England?

Chapter 7:

1. What two words did Malala spell out when she woke up in the hospital?

2. Could Malala speak when she woke up in England?

3. How did Malala feel being in England?

4. What did Malala miss about Pakistan?

Chapter 8:

1. July 12, 2013 was considered Malala Day at the United Nations. What else happened on that day?

2. How many months did Malala spend recovering from being shot?

3. Malala gave a speech at the United Nations. Where did she travel for this speech?

4. Highlight or write down two things you learned on the “United Nations” page.

5. What is one thing that stood out to you from her speech at the United Nations?

6. Highlight or write down two things you learned on the “Mahatma Gandhi” page.

7. Highlight or write down two things you learned on the “Mother Teresa” page.

8. *True or False:* Malala thinks education is important.

Chapter 9:

1. How old was Malala when she won the Nobel Peace Prize?

2. What was the name of the other person who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014?

3. Highlight or write down two things you learned on the “Nobel Prize” page.

4. *True or False:* Malala was the youngest person to win this award.

5. Why was Malala happy to share the prize with Kailash Satyarthi?

6. Highlight or write down two things you learned on the “Kailash Satyarthi” page.

7. The Malala Fund was designed to help kids. How was the fund going to support kids?

8. What is the one thing Malala wanted more than anything?
