Malcom X

1) Listen and complete the gaps with past simple verbs and years.

Malcolm X, a.k.a. El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, _____ a black American activist who _____ a lasting impact on race relations in America. His speeches and political work _____ bring to the world's attention the evil of racism in the USA. He led an extraordinary life that would take him from poverty, crime and prison to being a much respected community leader.

He _____ Malcolm Little in _____ but rejected his surname later in life because it represented his slavery past. He adopted 'X' to signify his unknown ancestry. Malcolm was top of his class at junior high school and _____ to be a lawyer. A teacher _____ him he was the wrong colour to study law and he dropped out of high school.

He _____ to New York in _____ and slowly _____ involved in drug dealing, gambling, robbery and other crimes. In 1946, he was sent to prison for ten years. He became an avid reader and educated himself in many topics. He also converted to Islam and _____ leaders of the Nation of Islam and the Black Muslims. He _____ prison in 1952.

In _____, Malcolm X became leader of a Nation of Islam temple in New York. He became well known for his political views and regularly appeared on TV and in newspapers. He _____ famous around the world. In _____, Malcolm X made his pilgrimage to Mecca, where he _____ all races were the same. Malcolm X was assassinated while making a speech in _____.

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