

Reading

Read the following passage

I think Mohammad Ali is perhaps the world's greatest sporting legend ever. He was born Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr. on 17 January 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky, USA. He died on 3 June 2016.

In the 1960 Rome Olympics, Cassius won the Gold Medal. He returned home an American hero. He later changed his name to Mohammad Ali when he embraced Islam. He decided to become a professional boxer and won many heavyweight titles in the 60s and 70s. In 1964, he became the world's heavyweight champion. He will certainly be remembered as the best boxer in history.

Unlike many heavyweight boxers, Ali's boxing style was based more on quickness and skill than power. He would throw a quick punch and then dance away before his opponent could react. He was an incredible athlete with superior speed and stamina. He often referred to himself as "the greatest". I like one of his famous sayings, "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee".

After retirement, he spent much of his time on his outstanding work with charities and helping other people. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2005. I really admire him for his generosity and advocacy.

He was just a little boy from a small town who believed in himself and wanted to change the world. I am inspired by his words, "anyone can make a change if they have love in their hearts".

Complete the following table using words from the text.

Birth name	1
Occupation	2
Best known for title as	3
Nickname	4
His boxing style based mainly on	5
Remembered as the best	6
His medal for his charity work	7

Answer the following questions.

1. Pick out **two** phrases from the text to describe how the writer feels about Mohammed Ali.

i) _____

ii) _____

2. Quote Mohammed Ali's famous words.
