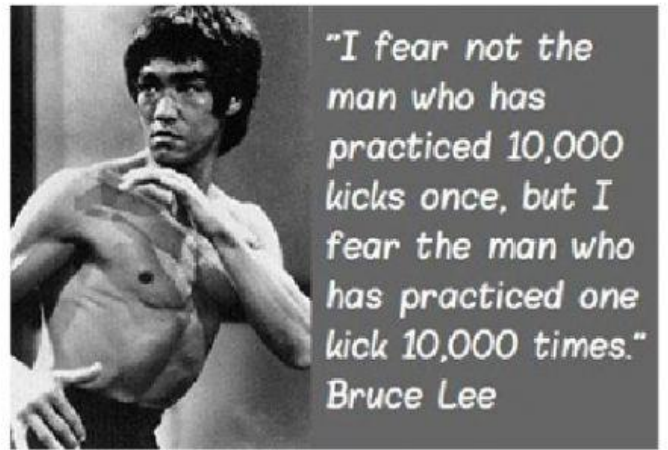


## LIFE LESSONS FROM BRUCE LEE



## READ THE FOLLOWING TEXT:

### BRUCE LEE - BEST LIFE LESSONS

Bruce Lee had been acting in films since he was 6 years old. His father was a famous Hong Kong actor who always used to take him on the film sets. Growing up Bruce Lee really developed an interest in **dancing**. But the post-war Hong Kong, was full of gangs and Bruce was often forced to fight them. Moreover, he always did like to fight. In one fight, Bruce took on the **son of a popular gang member so**, to give their son an opportunity to protect himself, **Bruce's parents enrolled him in a martial arts class**. His street fighting continued and his violent nature was escalating. **Seeing all this, his parents send him to the USA with his friends to escape this violence.**

In Seattle he found a job at China Town. **In his college, his friends and classmates started taking martial art classes from him due to the reputation that he had established.** On the advice of his students, **he started his own school** and then used to charge people to learn from him. It is how he found his future **wife**, Linda Lee Cadwell.



Soon he was invited to perform at Ed Parker's *Karate Championship*. He astonished the crowd with his **one-inch punch**. Despite of all this, he did not do well financially.

One week after the birth of Bruce and Linda's child, **Bruce's father passed away**. He attended the funeral and when he came back to America, he was even more determined to make his family proud.

Later, a hollywood hairstylist who saw Bruce Lee perform, recommended him to **take part in a new show called "The Green Hornet"** where he was quite succesful. But even after that, he did not find work regularly, and soon, unable to find work as an actor, he started working as a **fight coordinator** in films.



The producer of *The Green Hornet* advised Bruce Lee to start teaching people in their own homes. **He attracted many popular students who later became famous actors, like Steve McQueen and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and became a popular martial arts coach in Hollywood.**



When he injured his back while training, the doctors told him that **he will never be able to fight again**. And how did Bruce Lee respond to that? He was even more determined to recover and even more active when he got back to his feet. **He biked 15 miles (24 km), ran 3 miles (5 km), did a 1000 kicks and 2000 punches a day to see what the human body can endure.**

When he came back to Hong Kong, he was astonished to see that he had become a star there. That's why he later made several successful films in Hong Kong with most popular film producers of Asia. **Soon he had conquered Asia, but still not satisfied, he wanted to take on the world.** Unfortunately, while shooting for the movie *The Game of Death*, he collapsed due to 'cerebral edema' (swelling of the brain). Although he was perfectly fine after some time, later he felt a headache, yet again. **He went to sleep after taking a pill and never woke up. He passed away at an age of 32.**

## COMPLETE WITH THE PAST TENSE OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS:

Bruce \_\_\_\_\_ (be) born on the Chinese *Year* of the Dragon, on the *Day* of the Dragon, on the *hour* of the Dragon.

Bruce's Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ (be) 100% German.

Bruce's *first martial arts instructor* \_\_\_\_\_ (be) his father, teaching him a bit of Tai Chi.

Bruce \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a champion *Cha Cha* dancer in Hong Kong when he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in high school.

Bruce \_\_\_\_\_ (have) *bad eye-sight*. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) near-sighted and \_\_\_\_\_ (be) one of the first people to try contact lenses.



Due to his poor eyesight he \_\_\_\_\_ (fail) a basic military physical in 1963 \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) by the US Army so he \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) shipped off to Vietnam to fight in the war!

Bruce Lee \_\_\_\_\_ (not can) *swim*! Bruce's younger brother Robert and sister Phoebe \_\_\_\_\_ (reveal) that Bruce actually \_\_\_\_\_ (hate) the water.

Bruce Lee \_\_\_\_\_ (hope) to 'one day' fight *Muhammad Ali*. He \_\_\_\_\_ (think) of Muhammad Ali as a superior fighter with his speed and technicality. He \_\_\_\_\_ (use) to watch footage of Ali constantly to learn his style and also adapt some of his footwork and movements.

Despite never formally studying Karate, Bruce \_\_\_\_\_ (be) able to perform *all* of the Karate movements with tremendous accuracy!

Bruce \_\_\_\_\_ (be) crazily *fast*. He \_\_\_\_\_ (use) to demonstrate his speed by placing a coin in someone's hand. He \_\_\_\_\_ (will) then snatch the coin and replace it with another before the person \_\_\_\_\_ (can) clench their fist and stop him.

Bruce Lee \_\_\_\_\_ (love) to write *poetry*. According to friends, he \_\_\_\_\_ (write) it regularly.

Bruce \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a library over over *2000 books*. He \_\_\_\_\_ (read) constantly, going through books cover to cover, highlighting sections and always searching for knowledge. He has been known to watch TV, read a book and lift a dumbbell, all at once!

Bruce Lee \_\_\_\_\_ (be) named by Time Magazine as one of the 100 *most influential* people of the 20th century.

Bruce Lee's death is still considered *mysterious*.

Bruce once \_\_\_\_\_ (say):

"If I \_\_\_\_\_ (shall) die tomorrow, I will have no regrets.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) what I \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to do. You can't expect more from life."

## **READ THE FOLLOWING LETTER:**

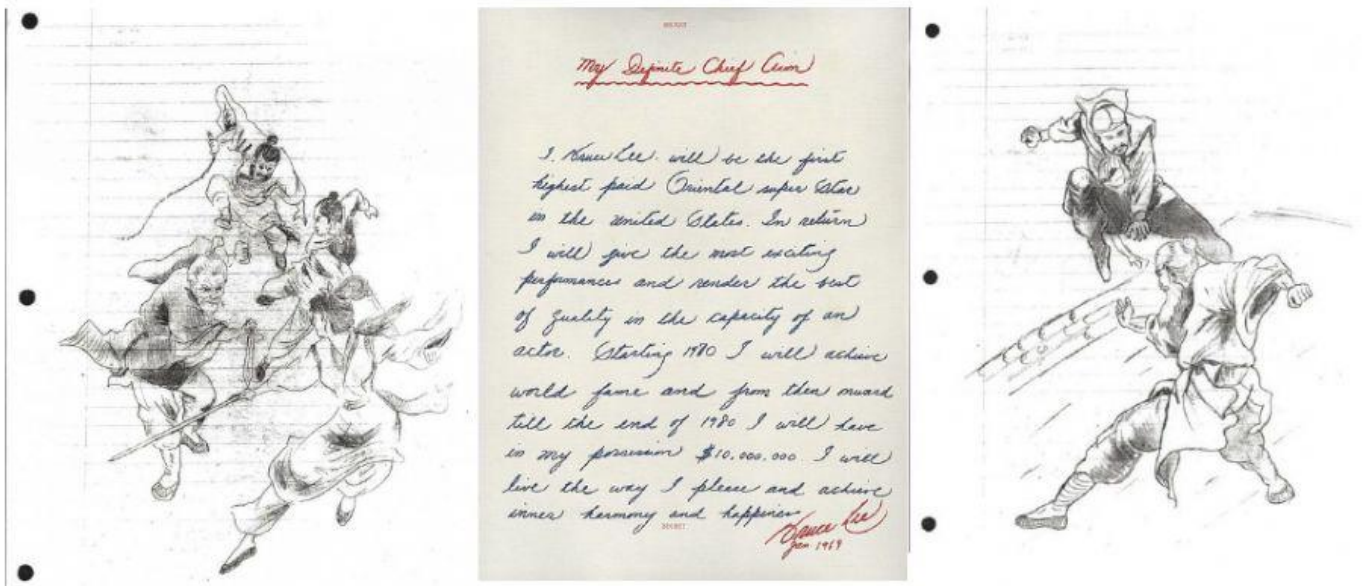
When Bruce Lee was about 28 years old, he wrote the following letter to himself:

*I, Bruce Lee, will be the first highest paid Oriental super star in the United States. In return, I will give the most exciting performances and render the best of quality in the capacity of an actor. Starting 1970 I will achieve world fame and from then onward till the end of 1980 I will have in my possession \$10,000,000. I will live the way I please and achieve inner harmony and happiness.*

*Bruce Lee*

*Jan. 1969*

He achieved everything at an age of 32. Everything that he hoped to achieve in ten years was achieved in only 4 years and his net worth also exceeded \$10,000,000.



**WRITE A SIMILAR LETTER ABOUT YOUR FUTURE PROSPECTS, USING THE FUTURE SIMPLE WITH "WILL":**

