

Read the biography of Malcom X and complete it with the verb in **PAST SIMPLE**.

Malcolm X: A brave voice

He was born on May 19, 1925. His original name was Malcolm Little and then he (1) _____ to Malcolm X. He was an important African American civil rights leader. He became very famous in the 1950s and 1960s and was a powerful voice for racial equality and self-determination. He was assassinated on February 21, 1965, at the age of 39.



HIS LIFE

Malcolm X's early life was very hard. He (2) _____ racism, poverty, and his father was assassinated by white supremacists in 1931, Malcolm was only 6 years old. These experiences marked his opinions on race and society. As a teenager, Malcolm X (3) _____ criminal activity and was eventually put in prison in 1946. During his time in jail, he transformed deeply, he changed religion to Islam and became a member of the Nation of Islam. In 1958, he (4) _____ married with Betty Shabazz and that year he had his first daughter. In September 1965, Betty had twin daughters.

In 1954, he (5) _____ prison, Malcolm X quickly got to be an important member of the Nation of Islam. He became a charismatic and powerful speaker, delivering brave speeches that addressed issues of racial inequality and white supremacy. However, Malcolm X's relationship with the Nation of Islam was not perfect. He was not happy with the organization's separatist views and eventually left to create his own Muslim Mosque, Inc in 1964.

HIS LEGACY

Malcolm X's legacy continues to inspire and challenge people in the USA and around the world. His fight to racial justice and his powerful rhetoric made him a very important figure in the civil rights movement. Although his life was tragically short, Malcolm X's impact on society is even today a symbol of hope, resistance, and the fight for equality.

a. Read the text quickly and put the following events in order:

- ___ His father was assassinated.
- ___ He got out of jail.
- ___ He created his own organization.
- ___ He was born.
- ___ Betty had twin daughters.
- ___ He was assassinated.
- ___ He was put in jail.
- ___ He got married.

b. Complete the text with the verbs from the list in PAST SIMPLE.

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