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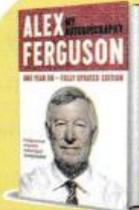
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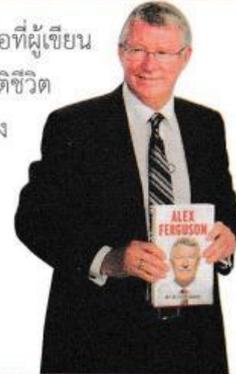
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ของตัวเอง



A Do you or your friends know Muhammad Ali? Discuss with your friends who he is before reading his biography below.



Muhammad Ali

Muhammad Ali was born Cassius Marcellus Clay on 17 January 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky. He began boxing at age 12. He won a gold medal at the 1960 Rome Olympic Games as a light heavyweight. His first professional fight was in October 1960, and early in his career he began making predictions of his upcoming fights, sometimes in poetic rhyme. With a talent for self-promotion, he also used a unique boxing style that often embarrassed fighters.

After 19 consecutive victories, he fought as an underdog for the world heavyweight title against champion Sonny Liston. He defeated Liston in 1964 and knocked out Liston in the first round in a rematch in 1965.

Clay converted to Islam and changed his name to Muhammad Ali. He defended his title eight times before his career was stopped by his refusal to serve in the U.S. army. When Ali was convicted of draft evasion, various boxing commissions stripped him of his world titles, and put his career on hold as he challenged his draft conviction through the court system.

Three and a half years after his last fight, Ali regained the necessary boxing license and won two victories in late 1970 before facing the undefeated reigning champion Joe Frazier.

In their 1971 contest, Ali lost in 15 rounds by unanimous decision. In the same year, the Supreme Court ruled in favour of Ali. Over the next three years, Ali won 13 of 14 fights, including a victory over Frazier. In 1974, he knocked out champion



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George Foreman to regain the world heavyweight title. He won 10 more fights. In 1978, he lost to and then regained his title from Leon Spinks, retiring thereafter. He came out of retirement in late 1980, only to lose the heavyweight crown to Larry Holmes. In his prime, Ali fought at about 210 pounds, and his boxing style was referred to as "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee". His career professional record was 56 wins, 37 by knockout, and 5 defeats.

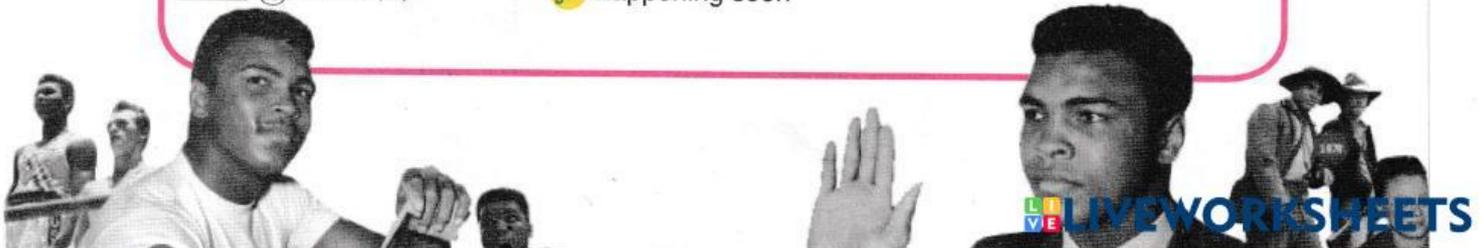


Ali's religious and political views of the mid-1960s made him very controversial, even as he became one of the world's most recognizable people. Diagnosed with Parkinson's syndrome in the early 1980s, Ali's physical condition affected his movement and speaking. He was accepted as an American icon, as shown by his surprise appearance to light the 1996 Olympic Flame in Atlanta, Georgia. He lived near Berrien Springs, Michigan, with his fourth wife, Yolanda "Lonnie" Ali.

Source: *Historical Dictionaries of U.S. Historical Eras*
by Jon Woronoff & Mitchell K. Hall

B Read the biography of Muhammad Ali. Then find the following words (1-10) in the biography and match each word with its meaning (a-j).

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|---|--|
| _____ j ① upcoming (<i>adj.</i>) | a. one of the periods of fighting in a boxing match |
| _____ ② poetic (<i>adj.</i>) | b. words that have the same last sound |
| _____ ③ rhyme (<i>n.</i>) | c. like or relating to a piece of writing that expresses emotions |
| _____ ④ self-promotion (<i>n.</i>) | d. to win a victory over someone in a fight or competition |
| _____ ⑤ unique (<i>adj.</i>) | e. a person or team that seems the least likely to win a competition |
| _____ ⑥ consecutive (<i>adj.</i>) | f. following one after another in order without an interruption |
| _____ ⑦ underdog (<i>n.</i>) | g. to make someone become unconscious or go to sleep |
| _____ ⑧ defeat (<i>v.</i>) | h. the act of making people notice you and your abilities |
| _____ ⑨ knock out (<i>v.</i>) | i. not the same as anything or anyone else |
| _____ ⑩ round (<i>n.</i>) | j. happening soon |



C There are some offer interesting words from Muhammad Ali's biography. Look at these words in italics, then underline the correct word or phrase in brackets.

⚙️ A *reigning champion* is the most recent (**winner / loser**) of a competition.

⚙️ *Supreme Court* is the (**most / least**) important court of law in some countries.

⚙️ A *fighter* is someone who takes part in the sport of (**snooker / boxing**).

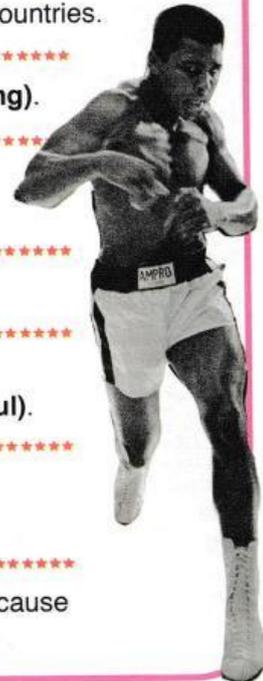
⚙️ When a boxer *regained* his title, he (**left / returned to**) the position of a winner of an important boxing competition.

⚙️ A *title* is the position of a (**winner / loser**) in a sports competition.

⚙️ When you are in your *prime*, you are in the period in your life when you are most active or (**successful / unsuccessful**).

⚙️ When something is *controversial*, it causes a lot of (**agreement / disagreement**) or discussion.

⚙️ When doctors *diagnose* an illness, they (**forget / find out**) what the cause of that illness is by examining it.



D Are these statements about Muhammad Ali true or false? Write "true" or "false" in front of the statements.

- true ①. Ali's birth name was Cassius Marcellus Clay.
- ②. Ali started boxing when he was twenty years old.
- ③. Ali was on a charge of draft evasion.
- ④. Ali won a gold medal at the 1960 Rome Olympic Games as a light heavyweight.
- ⑤. Ali lit the 1996 Olympic Flame in Atlanta, Georgia.
- ⑥. Ali had only one wife.
- ⑦. Ali was diagnosed with Parkinson's syndrome.
- ⑧. Ali's religious and political views caused a lot of disagreement.

