

Read the text about *Muhammad Ali* and the answer the questions:

Muhammad Ali, whose nickname was „The Greatest”, was one of the most fascinating boxers of all times. He was also a man who fought for the rights of black people and gave a lot of money to charity.

He was born as Cassius Clay in Louisville, Kentucky, USA in 1942, but he changed his name when he joined the Nation of Islam.

When he was twelve years old, someone stole his bike. He was very angry and told a police officer that he was going to beat up the person who stole it. That officer, Joe Martin, was a boxing coach as well. Joe told Cassius that he better learn how to fight before he tried beating anyone up, so Cassius was soon learning how to box. He won the gold medal at the Rome Olympics in 1960 and became the world heavyweight boxing champion at the age of twenty-two.

When he refused to join the US army during the Vietnam War, he was arrested and his title was taken away from him. He was not allowed to box for three and a half years. He made a comeback in 1970 and became the first boxer to win the world heavyweight title three times. In 1996, he lit the flame at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta while his other hand was trembling from the consequences of Parkinson's disease. Muhammad Ali died in 2016.

1. Who was Muhammad Ali?

2. What did he fight for?

3. When and where was he born?

4. What was his real name and why did he change it?

5. Why was Ali famous all over the world? (Why was his nickname „The Greatest“?)

6. Why did he decide to take up on boxing?

7. What happened during the Vietnam War?

8. How old was he when he won three titles?

9. Why was his hand trembling?

10. When did Ali die?
