

MALCOLM X

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Malcolm X, a.k.a. El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, was a black American _____ a lasting impact on race relations in America. His speeches and political work helped _____ attention the _____ the USA. He led an extraordinary life that would take him _____ and prison to being a much respected community leader.

He was born Malcolm Little in 1925 but _____ later in life because it represented _____. He adopted 'X' to signify his _____. Malcolm was top of his class at junior high school and wanted to be a lawyer. A teacher told him he was the wrong colour to study law and he _____ high school.

He moved to New York in 1943 and slowly _____ in drug dealing, gambling, robbery _____. In 1946, he was sent to prison for ten years. He _____ reader and educated himself in many topics. He also _____ and met leaders of the Nation of Islam and the Black Muslims. He left prison in 1952.

In 1954, Malcolm X _____ a Nation of Islam temple in New York. He became well known for his political _____ appeared on TV and in newspapers. He became famous around the world. In 1964, Malcolm X _____ to Mecca, where he realized all races were the same. Malcolm X was _____ making a speech in 1965.

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right.

Paragraphs 1 and 2

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| 1. a.k.a. | a. remarkable |
| 2. lasting | b. also known as |
| 3. extraordinary | c. quit |
| 4. represented | d. continuing |
| 5. ancestry | e. symbolized |
| 6. dropped out of | f. descent |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

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| 7. slowly | g. opinions |
| 8. prison | h. keen |
| 9. avid | i. killed |
| 10. well known | j. gradually |
| 11. views | k. famous |
| 12. assassinated | l. jail |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

a lasting impact on race

the evil

He adopted 'X' to signify his

A teacher told him he was the wrong

he dropped out

slowly became involved

He also converted

regularly

he realized all races

Malcolm X was assassinated

a. were the same

b. colour to study law

c. of racism

d. in drug dealing

e. unknown ancestry

f. while making a speech

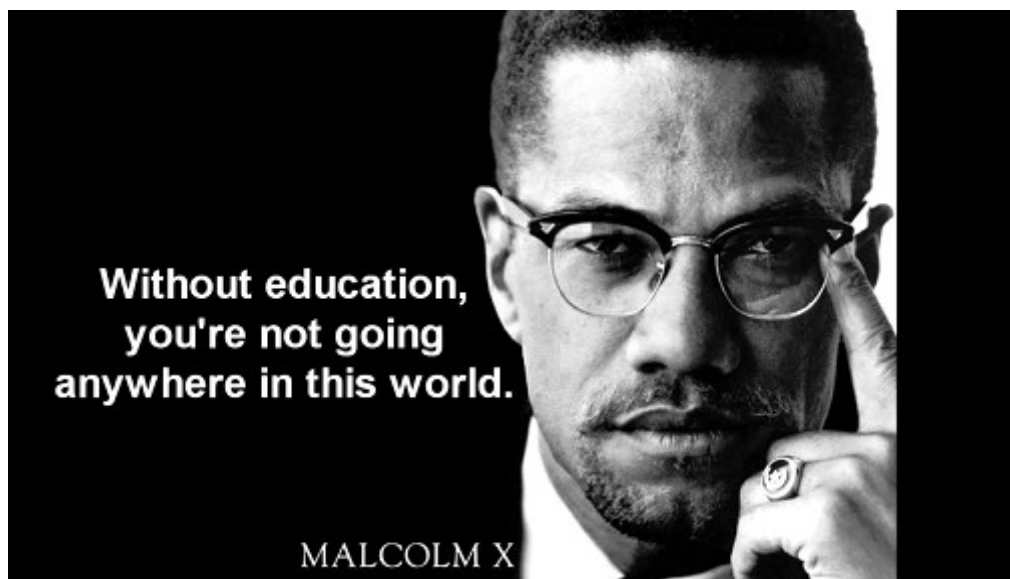
g. appeared on TV

h. of high school

i. relations in America

j. to Islam

Now find 3 questions to ask about Malcom X.



"Happy Birthday"

You know it doesn't make much sense
There ought to be a law against
Anyone who takes offense
At a day in your celebration
Cause we all know in our minds
That there ought to be a time
That we can set aside
To show just how much we love you
And I'm sure you would agree
It couldn't fit more perfectly
Than to have a world party on the day you came to be

Happy birthday to you.....

I just never understood
How a man who died for good
Could not have a day that would
Be set aside for his recognition
Because it should never be
Just because some cannot see
The dream as clear as he
that they should make it become an illusion
And we all know everything
That he stood for time will bring
For in peace our hearts will sing
Thanks to Martin Luther King

Happy birthday to you.....

Why has there never been a holiday
Where peace is celebrated
all throughout the world

The time is overdue
For people like me and you
Who know the way to truth
Is love and unity to all God's children
It should be a great event
And the whole day should be spent
In full remembrance
Of those who lived and died for the oneness of all people
So let us all begin
We know that love can win
Let it out don't hold it in
Sing it loud as you can

Happy birthday...

We know the key to unify all people
Is in the dream that you had so long ago
That lives in all of the hearts of people
That believe in unity
We'll make the dream become a reality
I know we will Because our hearts tell us so