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Malala: Education Advocate



Read the brief introduction to Malala Yousafzai, then answer the questions that follow.

Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani born activist and education advocate who, inspired by her father's humanitarian work, began writing a blog at age eleven to describe life under the Taliban in her native Pakistan. After being targeted by a Taliban gunman, Yousafzai rose to international prominence, co-authoring *I Am Malala* at age 15 following her recovery. As a prominent activist for education and founder of the Malala Fund, she became the co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize at age 17, the youngest person ever to receive the prestigious award.

Imagine that you were told you couldn't go to school because of who you were. How might you continue learning, even if it were against the law?

Think of a hardship or difficulty you have experienced in your own life. Has this motivated you to advocate for others? Describe how.

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Malala was inspired to champion education rights for children around the world. What is a right you believe all children should have? Explain why.

Malala began her life as an activist through writing a blog. What is a way you might use writing to advocate for yourself or others? What medium* would you use?

* **Medium:** A means of personal communication or artistic expression. (Source: Wordsmythe.net)