

OUR RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Think about the value of education, and the different important ways it can affect us.
- Learn about the different groups of people who have been denied an access to education, both historically and today.
- Find out about Malala Yousafzai, her life, and her work to promote women's access to education.



MALALA YOUSAFZAI



(Simon Davis/DFID)

Malala Yousafzai is a
young Muslim woman.
Born in Pakistan, in 1997.



She lived in an area called Swat, in Pakistan.
When she was young a group called the Taliban controlled this region.



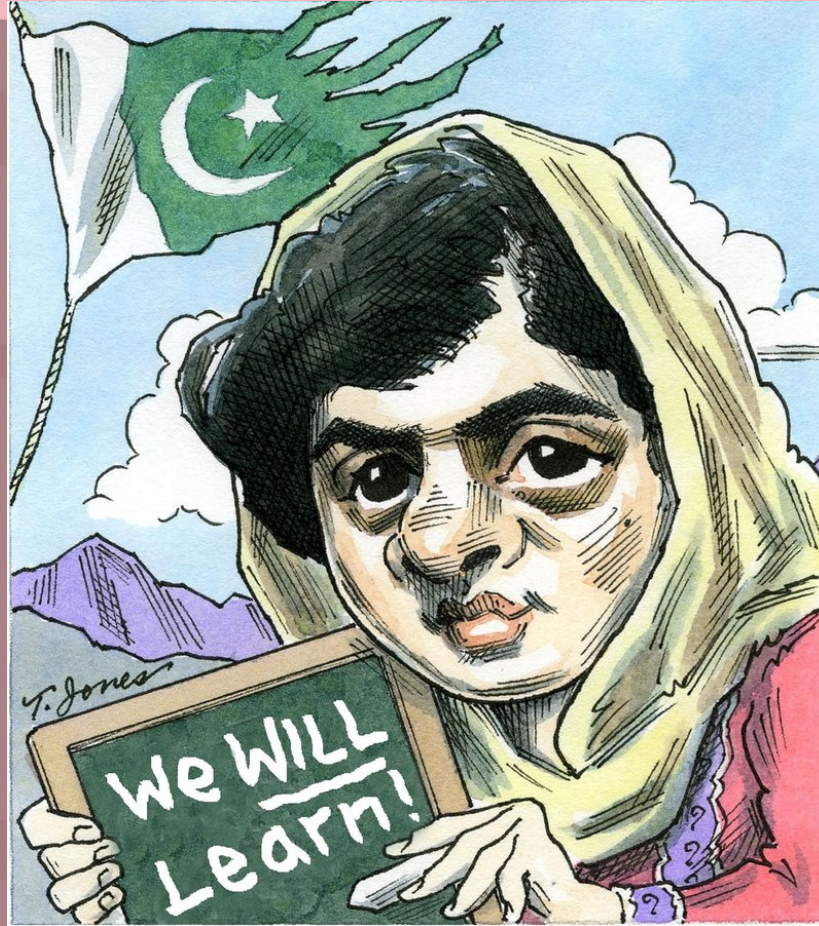
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The Taliban believe that women should not be allowed out in public or near men who they are not related to.

When they were in control they tried to stop girls from attending school, using violence to keep them away.

Education was important to Malala and her family. Her father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, ran several schools which were open to both boys and girls. Malala believes that Islam encourages education for all.



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WHAT TERRIFIES
RELIGIOUS EXTREMISTS
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IT'S A
GIRL
WITH A
BOOK.

Pat Bagley, Salt Lake Tribune

Malala continued to attend school in secret. She wrote an anonymous blog for the BBC Urdu service about her experiences.

Her father spoke out against the closure of girls' schools by the Taliban, and was threatened by them. Malala decided she should speak out publicly about the importance of education for girls.

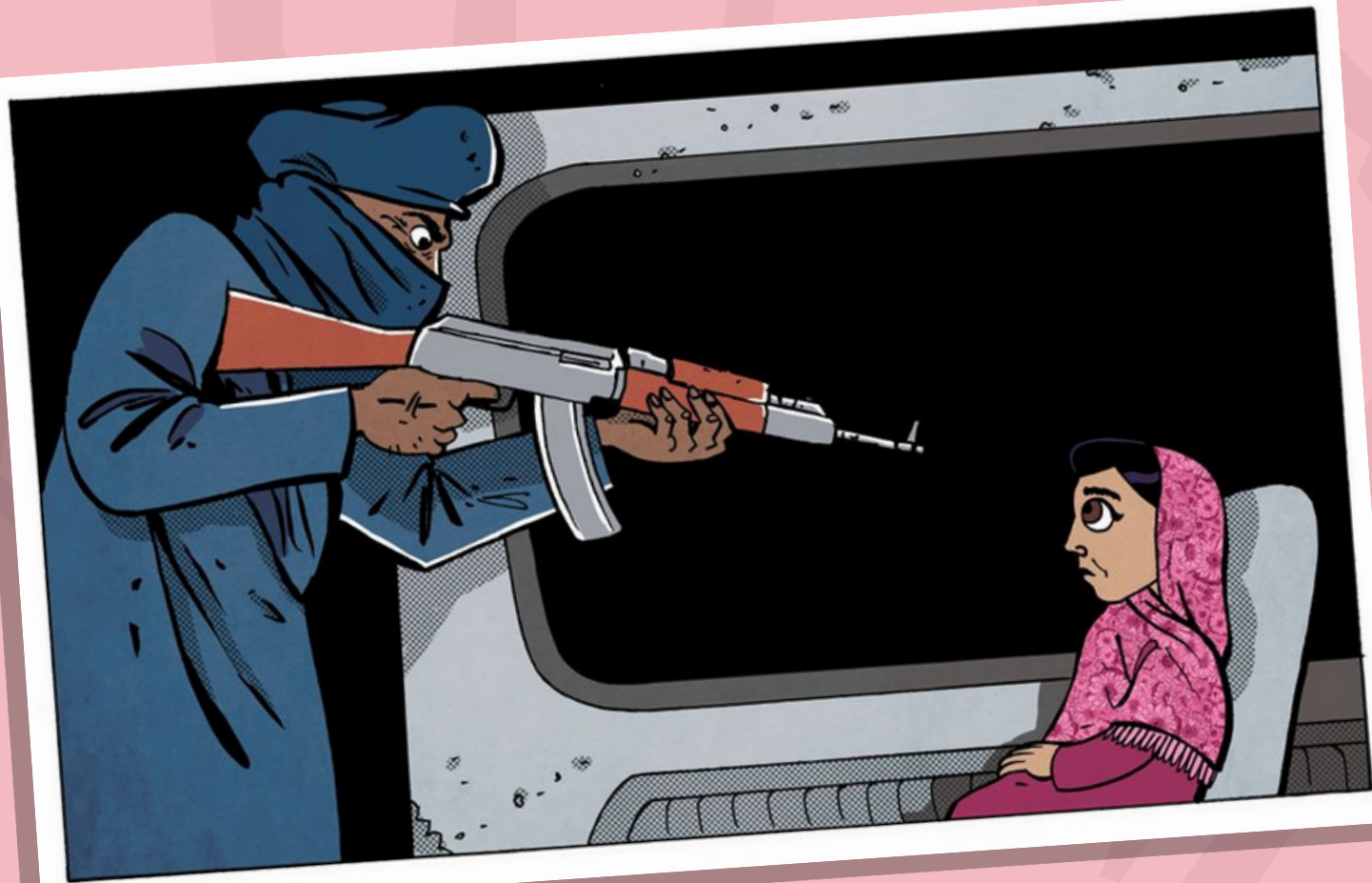
She appeared on television and radio, and became famous in Pakistan for her activism. She planned to set up the Malala Education Foundation, which would help poor girls go to school.



The Taliban decided that she was a threat to their ideas.

In October, 2012, after completing an exam, she was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman while on the bus home. She was 15 years old.





Malala survived the attack, and went to the UK for surgery and to recover from her injuries.

The Taliban did not silence Malala. She has become more famous since the attack- she spoke at the United Nations, became the youngest person to ever receive the Nobel Peace Prize, wrote several books, and set up the Malala Fund.

The Malala Fund helps to train and pay teachers in areas where there are very few schools, it also tries to convince governments to make sure that girls are receiving an education, and amplifies girls' voices by publishing their stories.



QUOTES BY MALALA

- What kind of person does Malala seem like to you?
- Why does Malala believe that education is so important?
- What lessons can we learn from Malala's story that we can use in our own lives?
- Why do you think Malala has been so inspiring for so many people?



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