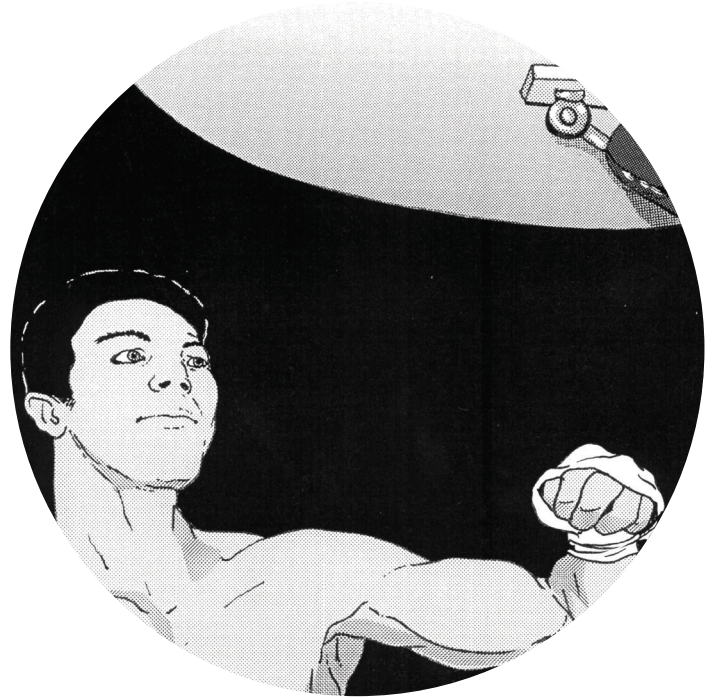


Muhammad Ali

Reading

1. Cassius Clay was 12 years old and lived in Louisville, Kentucky. One day, his new bike was stolen. In tears, he told Officer Joe Martin, "I'm going to whip the person who stole my bike!" Joe said, "Well then, I'd better teach you how to **fight**." Joe Martin was the boxing **coach** at the Columbia Gym.
2. Cassius Clay went to the Columbia Gym and learned to fight. He **trained** hard. When he was 15, he wore heavy boots and shadowboxed on the street. He raced school buses and drank raw eggs in his milk. He loved **boxing**. He wanted to go to the **Olympics**.
3. Cassius Clay was very **polite** and **religious**. After school, he worked in the Nazareth College library. When the boxing team went to other towns, Clay always stayed in his room and read his **Bible**. In 1958, he wanted to go to the Olympic trials in San Francisco. There was one problem. Clay was afraid to fly. He decided to buy a **parachute** and wear it on the plane. During the flight, he prayed in the aisle.
4. At the 1960 Olympics in Rome, Clay won the gold medal. In 1964, he became the world heavyweight champion. Soon after that, he converted to Islam and changed his name to Muhammad Ali. Ali refused to go to war in Vietnam, and his title was taken away. He won his title back in 1974 when he fought George Foreman in Zaire, Africa.
5. Muhammad Ali developed Parkinson's disease in the '80s. He died on June 3, 2016, at the age of 74.





Reading Comprehension

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. Where did Cassius Clay live?

2. When his bike was stolen, who did he tell?

3. What did Cassius Clay say to Joe?

4. What did Joe say?

5. Was Joe Martin the tennis coach at the Columbia gym?

6. What did Cassius Clay learn at the Columbia gym?

7. When he was fifteen, did he wear rollerblades and dance in the street?

8. What did he race?

9. Did he drink raw eggs in his milk?

10. Was Cassius Clay very religious?

11. When his boxing team went to other towns, what did Cassius Clay always do?

12. Where did he go for the Olympic trials?

13. What did he wear on the airplane?

14. What did he change his name to?

15. What happened when he refused to go to war in Vietnam?



Vocabulary Review

A. Unscramble the Words

Unscramble the words below from the story.
Then write one original sentence for each word.

#	Word	Unscrambled	Sentence
1	ighft		
2	igbnox		
3	accoh		
4	tridnea		
5	lopiymsc		
6	iteolp		
7	giorelius		
8	leibb		
9	ateparchu		

B. Find the Words

Now find the words from the exercise above in the word search to the right.

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a c a e i s p i a e h o d
i d r k y c o a c h m l i
s p t a b t x i i d n y u
d t o c o i r r y a v m a
e s a l x d n a y c c p t
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