

Muhammad Ali

Book key

1–2 Open answers

3 a bike

b twelve

c 1960

d black

e money

f Sonny Liston

g seven

4 a policeman

b Rome

c wrong

5 Open answers

6 a X b ✓ c X d ✓

7 a The government stopped him because he didn't go into the army.

b The people loved him because he was a famous black man and a fighter for peace. Ali was happy there because it was a black country. There was a black government.

c Ali is living with his family (in Michigan) and he is working for peace in the world.

8–11 Open answer

Discussion activities key

1 a

File card

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1 b Open answers

2 Suggested answer

Cassius Clay's bike was in front of Joe Martin's building, and now it isn't. He talked to Joe Martin because Joe is a policeman.

3 Suggested answer

Cassius Clay was angry because he could not go into a 'white' store. He is going to be world champion. Then white people are going to sit with him.

4 Open answer

5 c He has problems with the government.

6 Suggested answer

It is the second fight. Ali is giving Frazier a punch on the face. Frazier is not well.

7 December 5. Today I have a new name: Muhammad Ali. I don't want a 'white' name. Some white people are bad. They are Christian. I don't want to be a Christian. I'm going to be a Muslim.

Activity worksheet key

1 Suggested answers

a Are you Joe Martin?

b Who are you/What's your name?

c Why (are you angry)?

d What are you going to do?

e Can you box?

2 1 d 2 e 3 a 4 c 5 b

3 a beat

b won

c champion

d fight

e game

4 a 3 b 6 c 9 d 5 e 8 f 1 g 4 h 10

i 2 j 7

5 1 Leon Spinks

2 Joe Frazier

3 Sonny Liston

4 George Foreman

6 1 It was hot. The people were happy with Ali.

2 You are sick. You are not going to get well. You cannot box. You are going to talk and walk slowly.

3 He lives with his family in a big house in the country in Michigan.

4 He is tired and sits at home. He watches his fights on TV.

5 Because he fights for peace / for black Americans.

7 Open answers

8 Suggested answers

1954: Cassius Clay starts to box

1960: Cassius Clay wins the Olympic medal for the U.S.

1964: Cassius Clay beats Sonny Liston; Cassius Clay has a new name: Muhammad Ali

1965: Muhammad Ali is the boxing world champion

1967: M Ali does not go into the army

1967–1969: Muhammad Ali can't box in the U.S.

1970: Muhammad Ali can box again

1971: Muhammad Ali fights Frazier and loses

1974: Muhammad Ali fights Frazier again and beats him; Muhammad Ali fights Foreman and is world champion again

1975: Muhammad Ali beats Frazier again

1978: Muhammad Ali loses a fight with Leon Spinks, but 7 months later, he beats Spinks

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1980: Muhammad Ali loses a fight with Larry Holmes

1981: Muhammad Ali loses a fight with Trevor Burbick;

Ali stops boxing; now Ali works for peace in the world.

Progress test key

1 ~~Muhammad Ali~~ is the story of an ~~Australian~~ **American** boxer. He was world champion when he was ~~twenty~~ **twenty-two** years old. At first his real name was Cassius Clay. His new name was Muhammad Ali because he wanted a ~~longer~~ **Muslim** name. His family was not happy about this because they were Christians. Then, the U.S. government sent the army to Vietnam. Ali did not go so he did not box in the U.S. or in other countries. He ~~stayed at home.~~ **talked to students in schools and got a little money.** In 1971 he boxed again, but the new Olympic champion, ~~George Foreman~~ **Joe Frazier**, was strong and quick. Ali had a difficult fight.

- 2 a Joe Martin
b White people
c Cassius Clay
d Ali's father
e The U.S. government

- 3 a Sonny Liston.
b (He is) in the boxing ring.
c (To) the newspaper men (near the ring).
d 'You were all wrong' because the newspaper men said Liston was going to beat Cassius Clay.
e Because Cassius Clay, a black boxer, beat Liston, a white boxer.

- 4 1 ✓
2 ✓
3 ✗ He did not win.
4 ✗ He beat Joe Frazier but the world champion was George Foreman.
5 ✓
6 ✓
7 ✗ He works for peace in the world.
8 ✗ There are nine children in Ali's family.
9 ✓

5 1 b 2 a 3 c 4 a 5 b

6 1 c 2 e 3 a 4 d 5 b