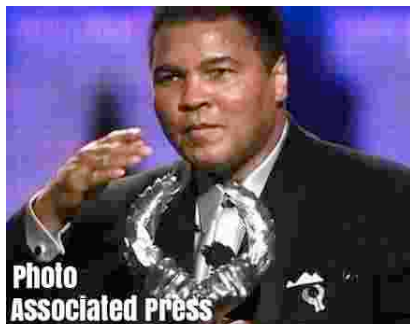


Boxing legend Muhammad Ali dies at 74

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Muhammad Ali, perhaps the world's greatest ever sporting legend, passed away on Friday, aged 74. Ali had spent the previous few days in hospital in Phoenix, Arizona with breathing

problems. His children flew to Phoenix to join their father for his final days. Ali is thought to be the best boxer in history. He was the world heavyweight champion three times. He is widely known by his nickname – The Greatest. However, many people believe he was the greatest because of what he did outside the boxing ring, not inside it. He was a civil rights hero and strong opponent of the Vietnam War in the 1960s. He was an ambassador for world peace and worked tirelessly for charities for five decades after.

World leaders, sporting figures and celebrities have been paying tribute to Ali. Boxing promoter Bob Arum said: "Ali transformed this country and impacted the world with his spirit. His legacy will be part of our history for all time." U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon praised Ali for changing the world. He said Ali used his charm, wit and grace to fight for a better world, "and used his platform to lift up humanity". The daughter of Martin Luther King wrote: "You were a champion in so many ways." Ali once said: "I would like to be remembered as a man who won the heavyweight title three times, who was humorous and who treated everyone right... As a man...who tried to unite all humankind through faith and love."

Sources: espn.go.com / bbc.com / abcnews.go.com

Writing

Muhammad Ali was the world's greatest sportsperson. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

greatest / sporting legend / breathing / boxer / champion / nickname / peace / world leaders / tribute / spirit / legacy / platform / humanity / humorous / love

True / False

- The article says Muhammad Ali was the greatest ever legend. T / F
- Muhammad Ali's nickname was 'The Best'. T / F
- Muhammad Ali fought for civil rights in the 1960s. T / F
- Muhammad Ali did charity work non-stop for 50 years. T / F
- A boxing promoter said Muhammad Ali changed a country. T / F
- The U.N. Secretary-General said Muhammad Ali needed a platform. T / F
- Martin Luther King's daughter said Ali was a champion in many ways. T / F
- Ali said he wanted to be remembered only for his sense of humour. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. legend | a. think |
| 2. passed away | b. last |
| 3. final | c. correctly |
| 4. believe | d. died |
| 5. tirelessly | e. appeal |
| 6. paying tribute to | f. changed |
| 7. transformed | g. praising |
| 8. charm | h. star |
| 9. right | i. join together |
| 10. unite | j. energetically |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about Muhammad Ali?
- What do you think about what you read?
- What memories do you have of Muhammad Ali?
- Why do people say Muhammad Ali was such a legend?
- What do you know about Muhammad Ali the boxer?
- What do you know about Muhammad Ali the civil rights icon?
- What do you know about Muhammad Ali the ambassador for peace?
- What do you think of Muhammad Ali's nickname?

Phrase Match

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| 1. the world's greatest ever | a. champion |
| 2. breathing | b. tribute to Ali |
| 3. He was the world heavyweight | c. for world peace |
| 4. He was a civil | d. faith and love |
| 5. He was an ambassador | e. and grace |
| 6. celebrities have been paying | f. rights hero |
| 7. His legacy will be part of our history | g. many ways |
| 8. Ali used his charm, wit | h. sporting legend |
| 9. a champion in so | i. for all time |
| 10. unite all humankind through | j. problems |

Discussion – Student B

- What will Muhammad Ali's legacy be?
- How did Muhammad Ali change the world for the better?
- In what ways was Muhammad Ali a champion?
- Should there be a Muhammad Ali Day?
- Do you know any of Muhammad Ali's famous sayings?
- Is Muhammad Ali the greatest sportsman ever?
- How will people remember Muhammad Ali?
- What questions would you like to have asked Muhammad Ali?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. h	2. d	3. b	4. a	5. j
6. g	7. f	8. e	9. c	10. i

Role Play

Role A – Boxing

You think boxing is the most exciting form of fighting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): karate, wrestling or fencing.

Role B – Karate

You think karate is the most exciting form of fighting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): boxing, wrestling or fencing.

Role C – Wrestling

You think wrestling is the most exciting form of fighting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): karate, boxing or fencing.

Role D – Fencing

You think fencing is the most exciting form of fighting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): karate, wrestling or boxing.

Speaking – Fighting

Rank these with your partner. Put the most exciting forms of fighting at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • boxing | • sumo |
| • karate | • fencing |
| • wrestling | • kendo |
| • judo | • Thai boxing |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	T	d	T	e	T	f	F	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.