

## Muhammad Alis Story and my opinion

My idol is Muhammad Ali. His name was "Cassius Marcellus Clay" but he changed it to Muhammad Ali, because he thought that his old name sounded like a slave name and the second reason is that he converted to islam.

He became famous for boxing. His boxing career began at the age of twelve, out of anger that his bike was stolen from him. Muhammad Ali is originally from "Louisville,USA". He was 6'3 tall and weighed 107 kg. He wanted to be a boxer because he came from a poor family and was often treated badly because of his skin color. On February 25, 1964, Muhammad Ali was defeated by the American Sonny Liston.

In 1982 he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Ali denies that the illness had anything to do with his struggles. He sees it as a "test of God" and deals with it aggressively. Muhammad Ali had 61 fights, 56 victories, 36 k-o victories and 5 defeats. He started boxing in 1964 and quit in 1981.

He only had one brother named "Rahman Ali". Muhammad Ali was married four times from 1964-1966, he was married with "Sonji Roi", 1967-1976, with "Belinda Boyd", 1977-1986, with "Veronica Porsche Ali" and from 1986-2016 with "Lonnie Ali". He had nine children named: Muhammad Ali Junior, Khaliah Ali, Miya Ali, Hana Ali, Jamillah Ali, Rasheda Ali, Maryum Ali, Asaad Amin and finally Laila Ali.

Muhammad Ali is not alive anymore. He couldn't win his last fight against his illness.

Muhammad Ali had suffered from the dreaded Parkinson's for more than 30 years. The boxing champion was diagnosed in 1984 and his condition slowly and steadily deteriorated. He died on June 3rd, 2016 in Arizona,USA. His grave is in "Cave Hill Cemetery". On his grave is a beautiful quote namely: Service to others is the rent you pay for your room in heaven.

I think Muhammad Ali is really an admirable person, because he had so many fights and he lost a few times and did not give up immediately. He worked on his weaknesses and became stronger. He started from scratch and worked it all out. Back in 1942 there was still strict racial segregation and the dark-skinned were not really accepted, muslims also were not really accepted. He was very committed to muslims and dark-skinned people that is why Muhammad Ali is my role model. I would like to be like him but everyone has their own personality. No one can be exactly 1 to 1 like his or her idol, but we can try to reach out the best character and manners of our inner personality.