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ALI

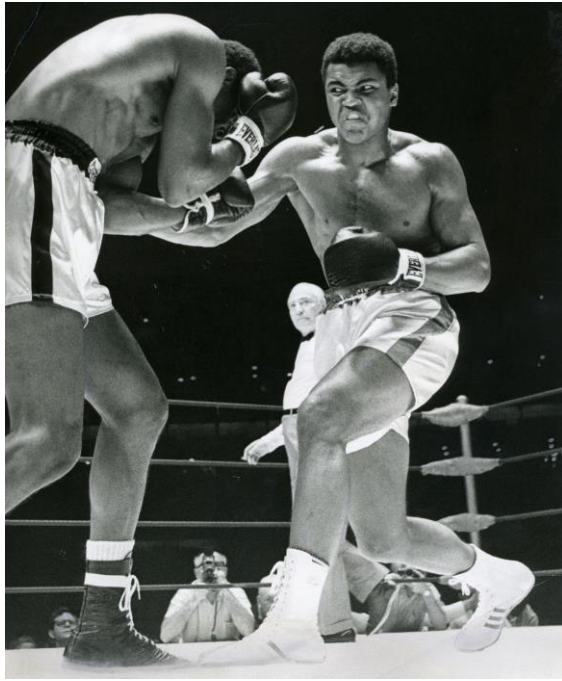
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His *Childhood*

Cassius Clay Jr [who later changed his name to Muhammad Ali] was born on January 17, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky, to Cassius Marcellus Clay, Sr and Odessa O'Grady. He was the eldest of the two sons of this couple. His father earned a living by painting billboards and signs. Interestingly, it was a Louisville police officer who changed the fate of young Clay

When Muhammad Ali was 12 years old, somebody had stolen his bike. So, young Muhammad went to the police officer nearby and said "Someone stole my bike. I'm gonna beat them up when I find them." So the officer replies "Before you beat up any one you need to learn how to fight." [specifically Boxing] So he told Ali where the closest coach was and Ali started his training.



Muhammad won his Olympic medal by winning 50 matches in a row!

Muhammad Ali was one of the greatest boxers in history, the first fighter to win the world heavyweight championship on three times!

Success As A *Boxer*

AS AN AMATEUR ALI HAD 105 FIGHTS AND WON 100 BUT LOST 5. MUHAMMAD ALI WAS AN AMERICAN FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION BOXER AND ONE OF THE GREATEST SPORTING FIGURES OF THE 20TH CENTURY. HE WAS AN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST AND THE FIRST FIGHTER TO CAPTURE THE HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE THREE TIMES, **ALI** WON 56 TIMES IN HIS 21-YEAR PROFESSIONAL CAREER.

Why Did Muhammad Ali Change His Name?

Soon after the fight with Sonny Liston [which Cassius won] in 1964, Cassius changed his name to Cassius X, and then to Muhammad Ali because of being a part of Islam.

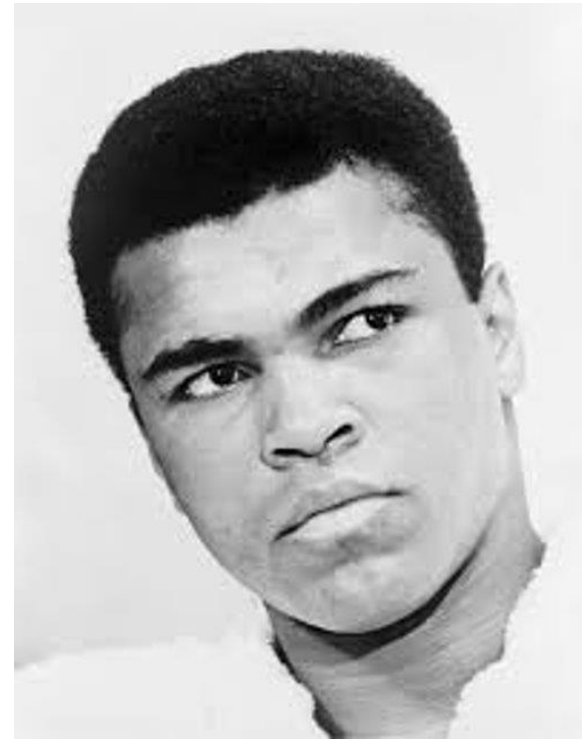
In 1964, Cassius changed his **name** to **Muhammad Ali**, and says it's a free **name**. He said: "**Cassius Clay** is a slave **name**. I didn't **choose** it and I don't want it. I'm **Muhammad Ali**, it's a free **name** - **it** means beloved of God, and I insist people use it when they speak to/of me."





How Ali Stood Up For His Beliefs.

In 1967, Muhammad refused to join the U.S Army and fight in the Vietnam War because it was against his religion [Islam]. Because of this, he was arrested, lost his heavyweight title and wasn't allowed to fight for three years. In 1971 Muhammad Ali was freed from his ban of boxing and regained his world heavyweight title.



Life after Retirement

In 1979, Muhammad said he was going to retire from boxing. But Muhammad did box again trying to become the world heavyweight champion for a 4th time.

By this time though, Muhammad had become unwell and fought his last boxing match in 1980.

In 1984, Muhammad caught an illness called Parkinson's disease which slows down your movements and makes you stiff.

Since retirement, Muhammad traveled a lot and made appearances around the world.

In 1996 Ali lit the Olympic Flame in America and appeared at the London Olympics too!