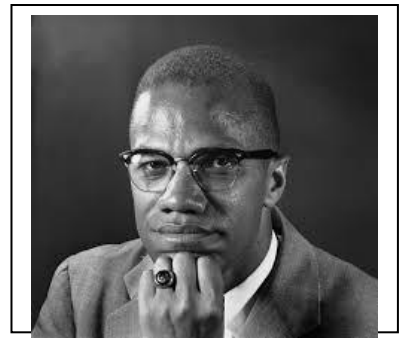


Malcolm X - Civil Rights Leader



Early Life

- Malcolm X was born Malcolm Little on May 19, 1925 in Omaha, Nebraska.
- His mother was called Louise Norton Little and Malcolm had 7 siblings.
- His father, Earl Little, was an outspoken Baptist minister.
- In 1931 Malcolm's father passed away and his mum suffered from a mental breakdown in the years after.
- Malcolm and his siblings were separated and sent to different foster homes and orphanages.

Education

- Malcolm was a smart, focused student.
- He graduated from junior high at the top of his class.
- However, when a favourite teacher told Malcolm his dream of becoming a lawyer was "no realistic because of the colour of his skin he lost interest in school.
- He dropped out, spent some time in Boston, Massachusetts working various odd jobs, and then traveled to Harlem, New York where he committed petty crimes.
- Malcolm moved to Harlem on his own when he was just 17 years old in 1942.

Important Events

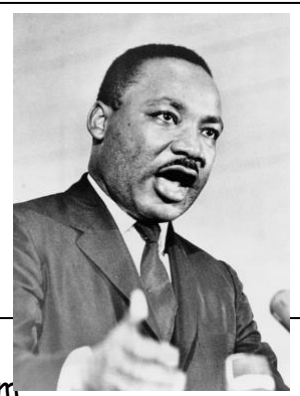
- While in prison from 1946 - 1952 Malcolm became a follower of the Nation of Islam after being encouraged by his brother Reginald who also belonged to the religious organisation.
- Malcolm quit smoking and gambling and refused to eat pork in keeping with the Nation's dietary restrictions.
- Also during his time in prison he began to educate himself. He spent long hours reading books in the prison library, even memorizing a dictionary. He also joined a debating class.
- Following a Nation of Islam tradition he changed his surname from Little to X to show that he had been given his original family name by white slave owners.

Other Information

- In 1958 Malcolm married Berry Shabazz they had 6 children.
- Political beliefs - Malcolm X supported black supremacy, black empowerment, and the separation of black and white Americans.
- February 21 1965: Malcolm X is assassinated while speaking at a rally in Harlem.
- Malcolm X did not believe in the peaceful protests of Martin Luther King, Jr. Malcolm didn't want a nation where blacks and whites were integrated, he wanted a separate nation just for black people.
- Malcolm was close friends with boxing champ Muhammad Ali who was also a member of the Nation of Islam.
- "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."
- "Without education, you're not going anywhere in this world."

Martin Luther King - Civil Rights Leader

Early Life



- Born on 15th January 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia.
- His father was the minister of a large Christian church and the family were well off.
- When he was six years old he experienced the school segregation system.
- He had to attend the local black school and his white friends attended the white school. Eventually they did not want to play with him anymore.
- When he was 15 he decided to find out for himself what it was like to live as an ordinary poor black person in the south of the United States.
- King noticed that when black people and white people did the same job, the whites always got paid more - inequality.

Education

- Went to Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia.
- King graduated from Morehouse College in 1948 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology.
- In 1948, MLK Jr. attended his first integrated school, Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania.
- In 1955 MLK became Dr. Martin Luther King when he earned his PhD on theology from Boston University.

Important Events

- The March on Washington was a massive protest march that occurred in August 1963, 250,000 people gathered in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- It was also known as the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the event aimed to draw attention to continuing challenges and inequalities faced by African Americans.
- It was when Martin Luther King made his famous "I Have A Dream" speech."
- "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Interesting Facts

Other Information

- Martin Luther King, was a Baptist minister and social rights activist in the United States in the 1950s and '60s.
- King's birth name was Michael, not Martin.
- King was assassinated on the 4th of April 1968 in Memphis Tennessee. He was only 39 years old and had 4 young children.
- Coretta Scott King was an American author, activist, civil rights leader, and the wife of Martin Luther King.
- King did not publically express his political beliefs.
- King believed in using non-violent tactics (for example marches and speeches) to achieve equal rights for African Americans.

The Romans



Background

The Romans lived in Rome which is a city in the centre of Italy. The Romans invaded Britain nearly 2000 years ago and changed our country in many ways. Evidence of the Romans being here can be seen in the ruins of Roman forts, roads and baths. The Romans were in Britain from 43AD to 410AD which is nearly four hundred years! The Romans also invaded other countries in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. Some historians say that the Romans came to Britain looking for land, slaves, iron, lead, silver and gold. Julius Cesar was a Roman General who was born on the 13th of July 100BC. He was assassinated on the 15th of March 44BC and led two Roman invasion on Britain.

Significant Events

There were 3 main Roman invasion in Britain -

August 55BC (before Christ) - The Roman Emperor Julius Cesar invaded Britain with two Roman Legions (groups of soldiers). After winning several battles against the Celtic tribes (Britons) in South East England he returned to France.

Summer of 54BC - Cesar returned to Britain this time with five Roman legions. After more fighting the British tribes promised to pay tribute to Rome and were left in peace for nearly a century.

43AD (after Christ) - Emperor Claudius organised the final and successful Roman invasion of Britain. General Aulus Plautius led four legions with 25,000 men. They crossed the English Channel in three divisions, landing at Richborough, Dover, and Lympne.

Other Information

- Cesar married 3 times and was married to Calpurina at the time of his death.
- Cesar had 3 children.
- During the time of Julius Cesar Romans followed Paganism and worshipped many Gods.
- In Britian the Romans introduced the calendar, language, concrete and aquaducts (bridges for water).
- Famous Julius Cesar quotes - "I came, I saw, I conquered."
- Political beliefs - Cesar extended Italian citizenship to people in Spain.