

# Malala Yousafzai

“We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced.”

**Malala Yousafzai is known for standing up to the Taliban as a young girl in Pakistan because she demanded that girls should be allowed to get an education. For her activism, she received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 and wrote a bestselling book about her story called “I am Malala”. Today, she advocates for the right to an education for all girls all over the world.**

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## **Discover**

1. Did you know that 130 million young girls around the world do not go to school? Think about how different your life would be if you did not go to school. How do you think Malala felt being told that because she was a girl, she didn't have a right to an education? What would you say to someone that said you didn't have the right to attend your school? Discuss with your troop.
2. Malala believes that in her lifetime (which also means in your lifetime) we will see every girl in school. What do you think this would mean for the world? Think big! How would it make a difference in the world, if

every girl in the world could get an education? Think of the possibilities of what girls can do!

3. Malala was able to go to school before the Taliban took over Swat Valley (where she lived in Pakistan.) Many things were taken away from the people of Swat Valley by the Taliban; not just the right for girls to go to school. Do some research about how life changed for people in Pakistan during this time and discuss how these changes might impact someone and their quality of life.
4. In the United States things weren't always fair for girl's rights to an education either. Not long ago girls were only allowed to take classes such as cooking and sewing to make them a better wife and mother. Now, more women than men are going to college. Learn more about the way school has changed for women in the United States.

### **Connect**

5. Malala is the youngest person to receive the Noble Peace Prize. Design your own award for Malala. What would it look like? Think about all she has accomplished and what she is fighting for when designing your award. It could be a medal, a certificate, a statue; whatever you like!
6. Many people got to know Malala at age 11, through a blog she wrote about her life in Pakistan under Taliban rule. Write a blog post about your life. This could be an actual blog online (for older girls) or simply grab a piece of paper and write about your life. Is there a significant event that has changed your life? Have you ever advocated for change? Have you ever stood up for something you believed in?
7. Malala is a symbol of hope and a role model to many. Think about what being a role model means. Now think of someone that is a role model to you. Draw a picture of this person. Write down the characteristics

that this person has that you admire. Do you have any of these same qualities? Role models can be anyone; your mom, a teacher or a celebrity that you look up too!

### Take Action

8. In 2013, Malala and her father set up the Malala Fund to bring education to girls around the world. Advocate for the Malala fund. This could be making people you know more aware of the organization or doing a fundraiser to make a donation to the Malala Fund. On the Malala Fund website you can see how Girl Scout troop 60130 had a bake sale and donated the proceeds to the Malala Fund. How awesome is that!
9. Come up with a take action advocacy plan. You can pick whatever cause you and your troop feel passionate about. What would you do to bring awareness to your cause? What influencers or government officials would you contact to make a change? Write a mock letter to that influencer or government official. What kind of promotion would you do to get the word out? Design a flyer or billboard with a slogan to sum up your cause. Get as detailed as possible. Ask these questions: What needs to change? Who can help? What will I say? What will I do? What are some potential risks? How will I know my advocacy plan is working?
10. For the past three years there have been women's marches organized to continue to fight for the rights of women in the United States. There are many different policies and basic rights that women today still fight for. Research with your troop about what the 2019 Women's March was all about so you are better informed to take action on issues that are important to you.