

# Malcolm X Answers

1. What did the 'X' in his name stand for and why did he change it?

**The 'X' in Malcolm 'X' stands for what he believed was his real, tribal name and he changed it because he felt that 'Little' was a slave name.**

2. If Malcolm X was a civil rights activist, what were his main beliefs?

**A civil rights activist believes that one race should be equal to another - in this case, black and white Americans.**

3. How old was Malcolm when his father was killed?

**Malcolm was six-years-old when his father was killed.**

4. Find a fronted adverbial in the prison paragraph.

**Accept either: 'Eventually' or 'During his time in prison'**

5. How did Malcolm's brother inspire him?

**His brother inspired him by teaching him about the Muslim religion.**

6. In the family paragraph, the author writes '(AKA Betty X)' - what does AKA stand for?

**'AKA' stands for 'also known as' and shows another name that someone is/ was known by.**

7. In the family paragraph, the author writes that Malcolm had a 'high profile', what does this mean?

**High profile means when someone is in a position where they get a lot of attention and fame.**

8. What evidence for Malcolm's high profile can you find in The Next Step paragraph?

**Evidence for Malcolm's high profile is the increase in membership in the NOI and how the government noticed him as a threat.**

9. Reading the story of Malcolm X and his high profile, do you think having a low profile might have saved his life? If so, why do you think that he chose not to keep a low profile?

**Open-ended for discussion. Answers may include: A low profile probably would have stopped him being killed in this way, but to him, the fight for civil rights was a much greater cause for many, many people.**

**You may want to discuss his famous quote with the children: "If you're not ready to die for it, put the word 'freedom' out of your vocabulary." — Malcolm X.**

10. What do you think the final quote means and do you agree? Explain your reasons.

**Open-ended for discussion. Accept answers with justification of their opinion.**