

*I Am Malala. This is my story.* Malala Yousafzai was only 10 years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on October 9, 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause: She was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school. No one expected her to survive. Now, Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize nominee. In ... her bestselling memoir, which includes exclusive photos and material, we hear firsthand the remarkable story of a girl who knew from a young age that she wanted to change the world – and did. Malala's powerful story will open your eyes to another world and will make you believe in hope, truth, miracles, and the possibility that one person – one young person – can inspire change in her community and beyond

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**Your Task:** Read the Prologue from Malala Yousafzai's memoir and answer the questions below. Write your answers in full sentences and be sure to explain your ideas fully and clearly.

1. How is Malala **characterized** in the Prologue? List at least three character traits and support each trait with evidence from the text.
2. What do you learn about Malala's homeland of Pakistan in the Prologue? List several details about where she grew up.
3. What **conflict** does Malala face? Identify the conflict and demonstrate the conflict with textual evidence.
4. What is the purpose of the Prologue? How does it entice readers to want to know more about Malala?
5. How does Malala use language to bring the Prologue to life? Cite specific examples of **figurative language and imagery**.