

A statue in honour of Malala Yousafzai?

WHY ARE STATUES IMPORTANT?

A statue is a sculpture representing a person or persons, an animal or an event. Their cost and placement, show that their role was far more important than that of a decorative object that could be admired for its technique, style, or subject!

Furthermore, not only do statues represent a strong inspirational role model that people should look up to, they also represent the power and impact of that person; the fact that they are given prominence and authority.

Why Malala would be a good and inspirational figure for a statue!

Firstly, Malala Yousafzai is a fighter! No matter how hard the circumstances she persevered and continued to stand up for woman's education. She is a fantastic role model and a great inspiration to many young children.

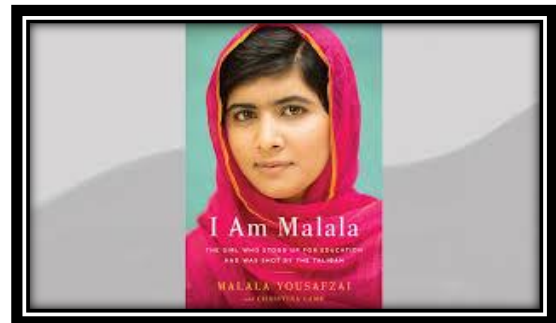
For example, on the 9th of October 2012 Malala was unfortunately shot in the head by the Taliban, despite this she continued to stand up for the right thing.

Moreover, she refused to exact revenge and harbor ill will towards the terrorist group. A famous quote by Malala herself is "I believe the gun has no power at all". This immediately shows how Malala is completely against any sort of violence. Isn't this what we want for our future generation?

In addition to this Yousafzai has won numerous awards in addition to her most recent Nobel Peace Prize including being named one of Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2013. Her story is one of inspiration, courage and perseverance. She has even written her very own book!

Yousafzai believed in her cause and did whatever she could to get her message out there. As a young girl, she may have thought that there was nothing she could do or that no one would listen to her message but even a small action such as writing a blog entry led to bigger and bigger platforms for her to advocate for equal educational opportunities for all children.

Lastly, even when she had achieved her dream of equal opportunities for women's education, she still continued to make a difference in the world! For example, she helped and supported many Syrian refugees as well as build more schools for young girls in Pakistan. Malala once said "When the whole world is silent, one voice becomes powerful." This quote is truly inspirational and has changed so many people's lives and perspectives on the world.



**Malala's
autobiography.**

Where the statue should be placed and why

Malala Yousufzai came to Birmingham city for emergency medical treatment after being shot by Taliban insurgents in 2012, and she survived! Malala will always remember Birmingham as her home and where her voice finally started to get recognition. She continued her education at Edgartown High School for Girls before moving last autumn to study politics and philosophy at Oxford. She has lived in Birmingham for nearly all her life and it has become a strong part of her hence the reason why the statue should be placed in Centenary square, Birmingham!