

Inspiring teens



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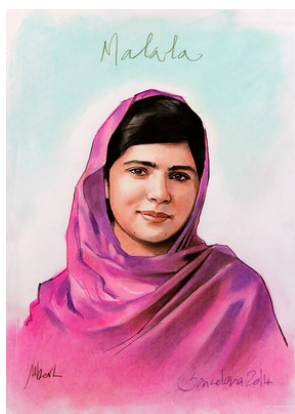
Louis Braille



Louis Braille was born on January 4, 1809, near Paris, France. He could see at birth but became completely blind at a very young age. He attended the Royal Institution for Blind Youth in Paris, where he later became a teacher. At school, he learned about night writing, a system of dots that let soldiers read messages in the dark. It was a very complicated system and never became popular. At the age of 15, Braille developed his own system of writing, which was much simpler and more practical. He later adapted this system to musical notation. Braille himself was an accomplished organist. Braille's passion, dedication, creativity and intelligence not only helped his invention work but also changed the lives of people all over the world.

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Malala Yousafzai



Malala Yousafzai, a charismatic and idealistic activist, received the Nobel Peace Prize at the age of only 17. She was born in Mingora, Pakistan in 1997. She went to school until the Taliban occupied Mingora, and prohibited girls from attending school. Malala spoke out against this ban which made her a target. In 2012, the Taliban tried to assassinate her while riding on a school bus. Incredibly, she survived the attack. She graduated from Oxford University in 2020 where she studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics. She is determined to fight for equality and education for girls. Together with 'Malala funds', she wants to create a world where all girls can learn and lead.

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Greta Thunberg



Greta Thunberg was born on January 3, 2003, in Stockholm, Sweden. She was diagnosed with Asperger syndrome. She describes her condition as meaning “speaks only when necessary”. In 2018, she started a school strike for climate change (Fridays For Future - FFF). Teens around the world joined her in the fight for the planet. This was later called the “Greta effect”. In August 2019, she spent 15 days crossing the Atlantic in a carbon-neutral yacht to speak to U.S. lawmakers. Her hopeful message has inspired people all over the world to take action for the environment.

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