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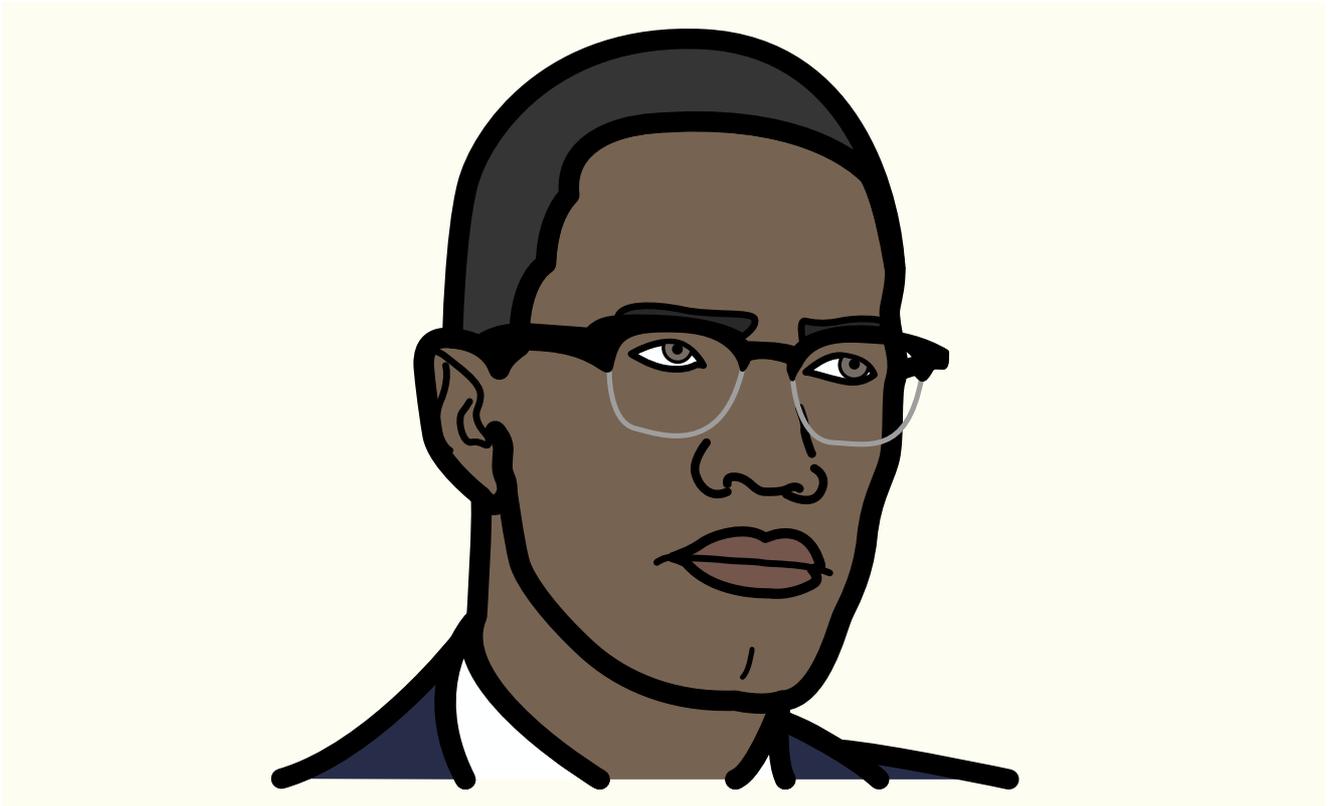
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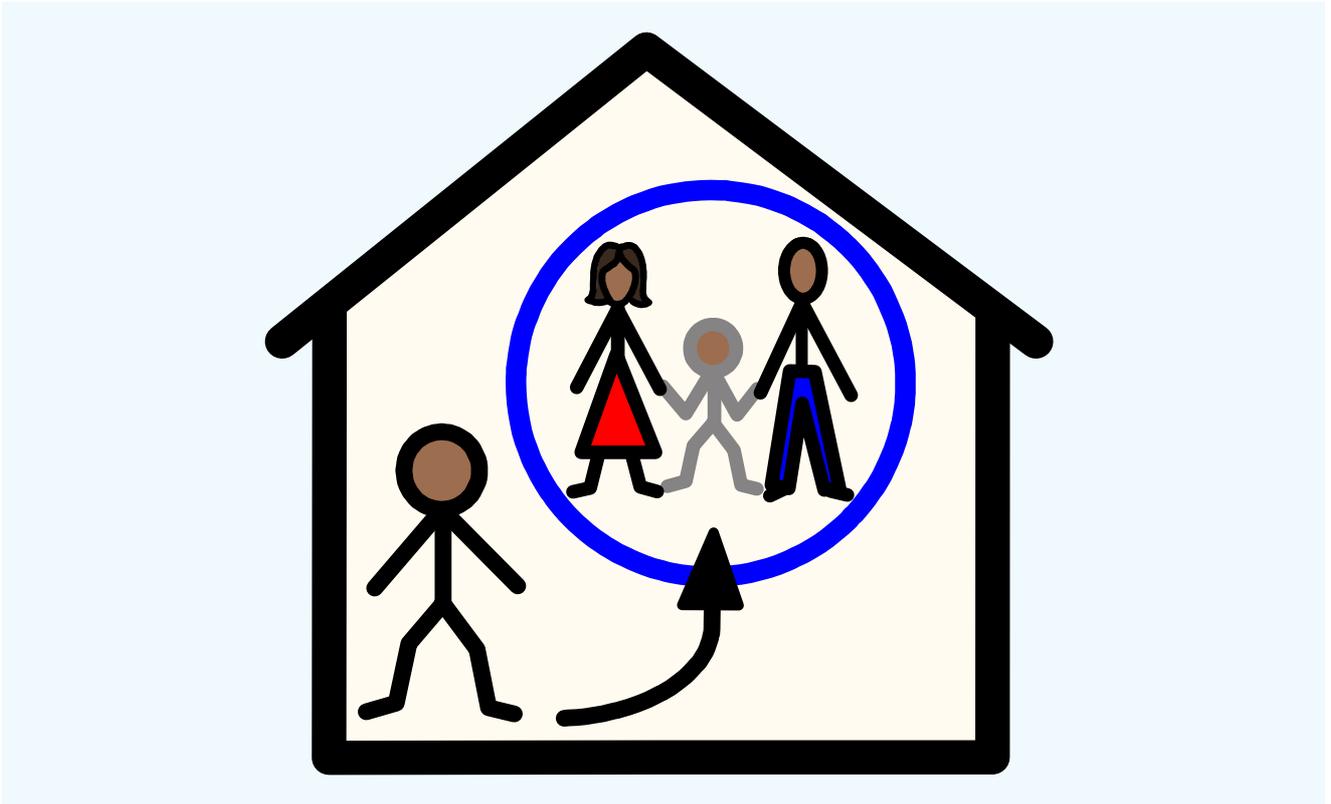


Malcolm X was born in 1925 in Nebraska, USA.

His birth name was Malcolm Little.

Malcolm's parents were both civil rights activists.

His family were often threatened by racist groups.



Malcolm's father was killed when he was six.

His mother believed he was murdered by racists.

Malcolm's mother became ill and went into hospital.

Malcolm grew up with relatives and in foster homes.

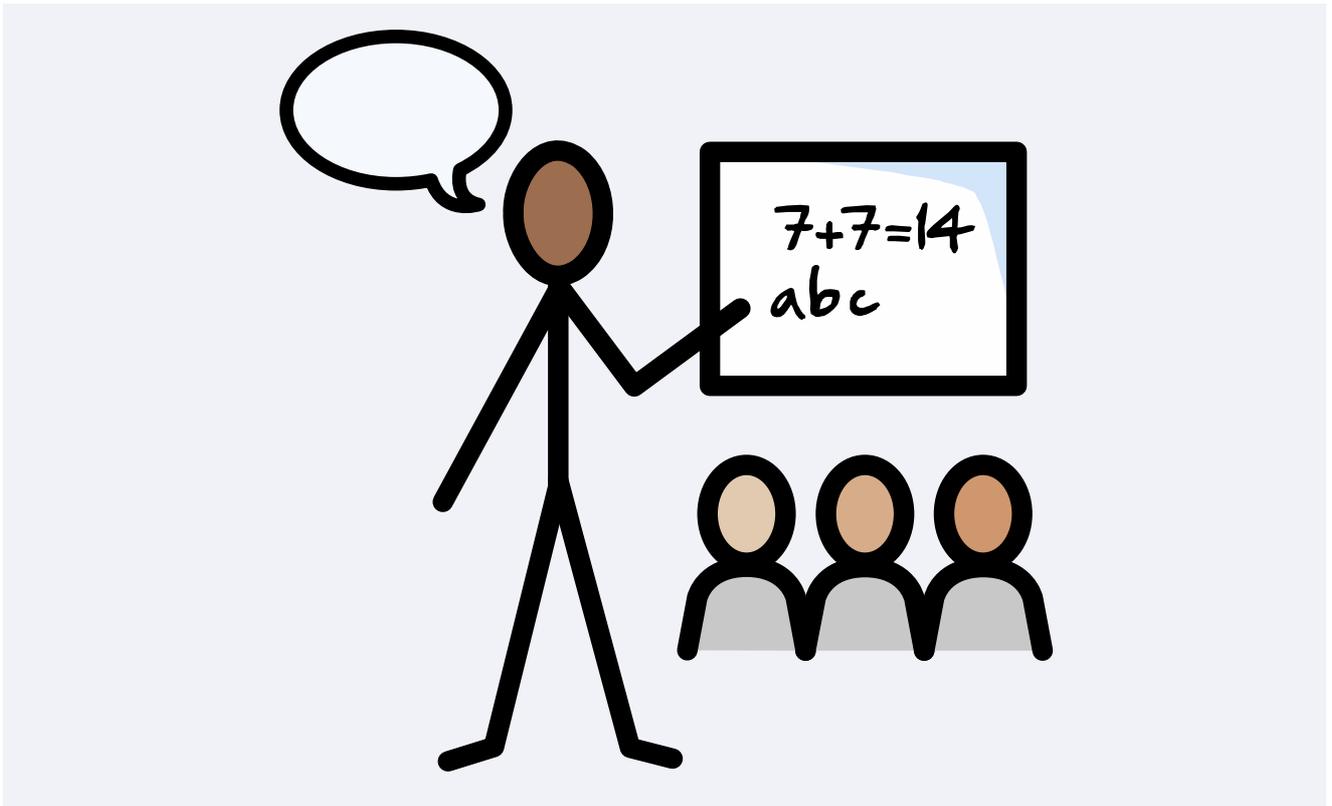


Malcolm became a criminal.

He dealt drugs and robbed people.

In 1946 Malcolm was arrested for burglary.

He was given a ten year prison sentence.



Malcolm educated himself by reading in prison.

His brother told him about the Nation of Islam.

Malcolm wrote to the Nation of Islam's leader.

He became a Muslim and joined the Nation of Islam.

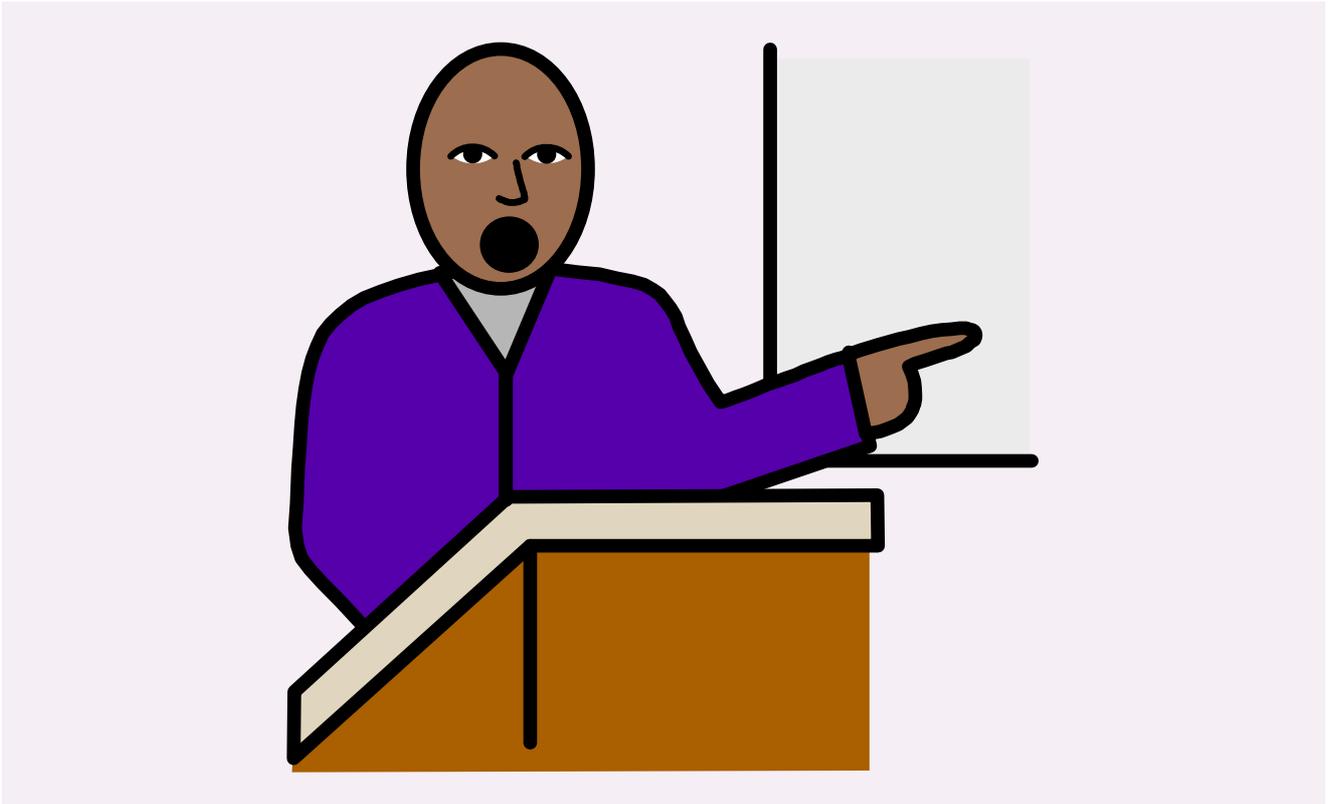


In 1950 Malcolm began using the name Malcolm X.

He believed his old name was a slave name.

The X represented the African name he couldn't know.

In 1952 Malcolm was released from prison.



Malcolm became a minister for the Nation of Islam.

He founded new temples for the Nation of Islam.

He attracted new members to the organisation.

Malcolm became a leader of the Nation of Islam.

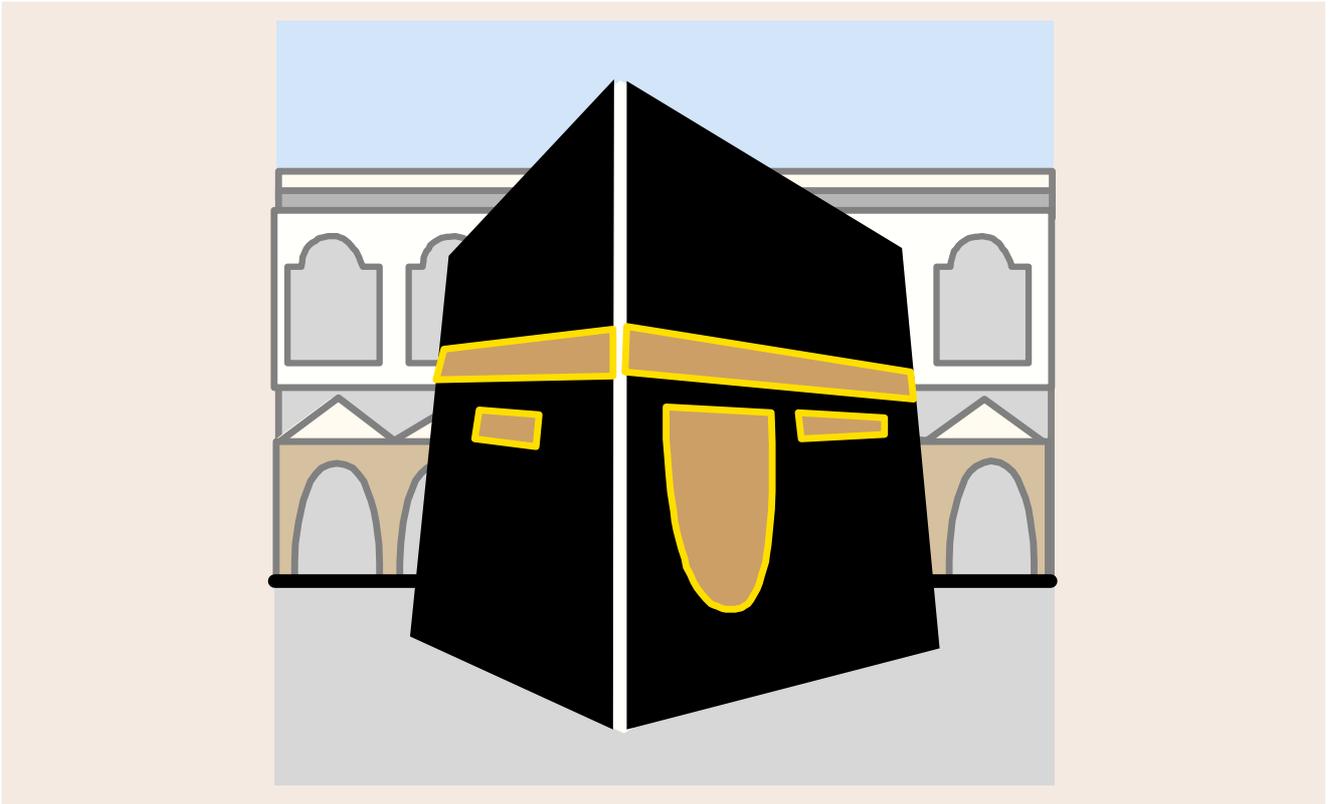


The Nation of Islam was a nationalist movement.

They wanted a separate country for black people.

They believed black people were superior to whites.

They didn't allow members to vote in elections.

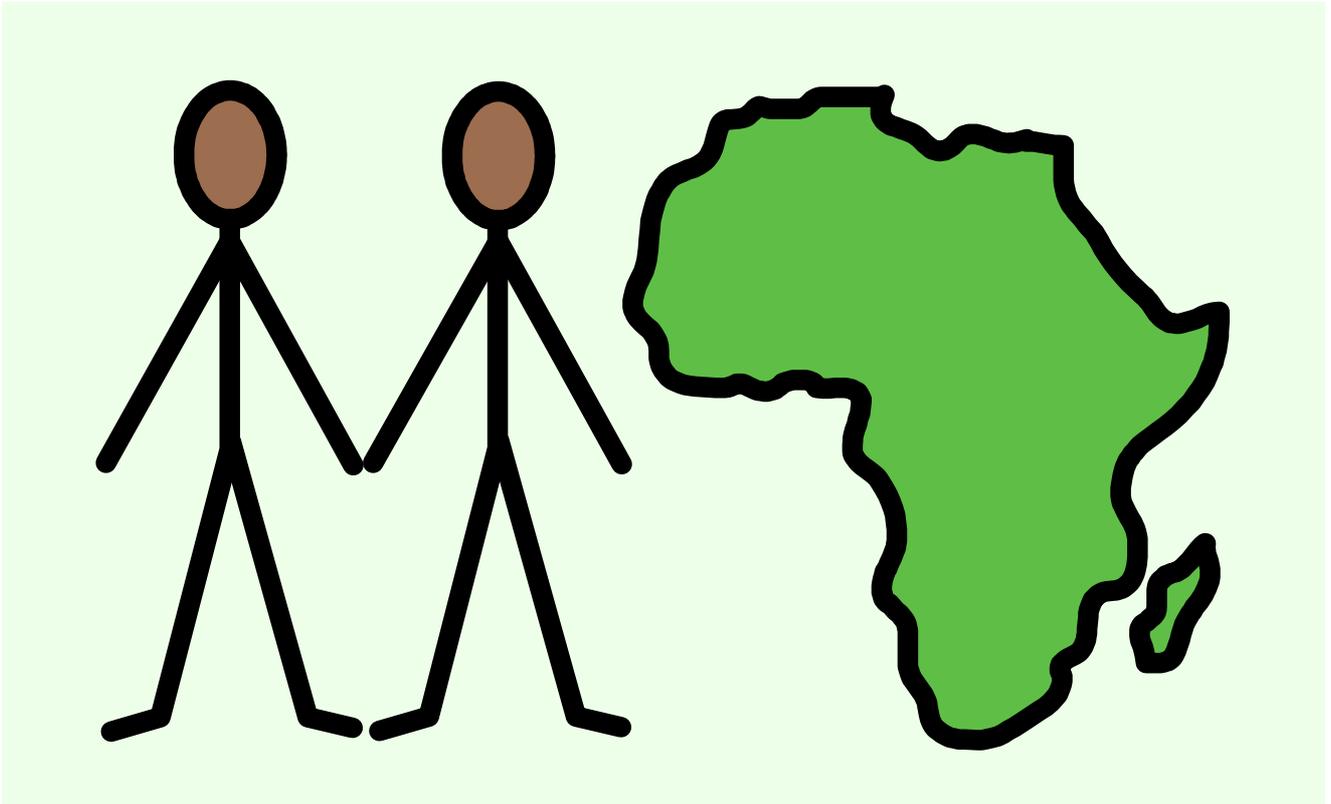


In 1964 Malcolm left the Nation of Islam.

He went on a pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

He met Muslims from all over the world.

Afterwards Malcolm became a Sunni Muslim.

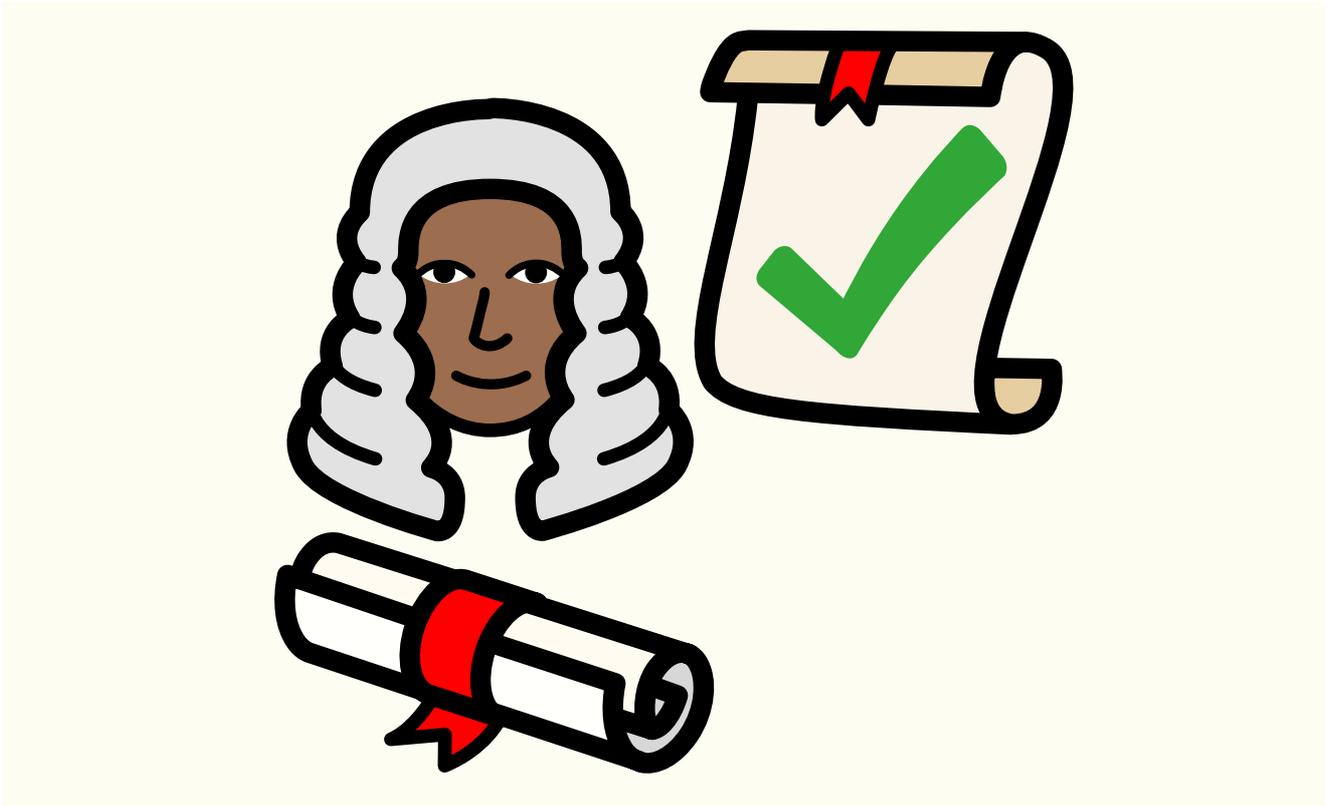


Malcolm came to believe in unity for all Africans.

During 1964 he visited many African countries.

Malcolm met with officials and gave interviews.

He gave speeches on radio and television.



Malcolm came to support the civil rights movement.

He met briefly with Martin Luther King.

The Nation of Islam became Malcolm's enemies.

Malcolm began to receive death threats.

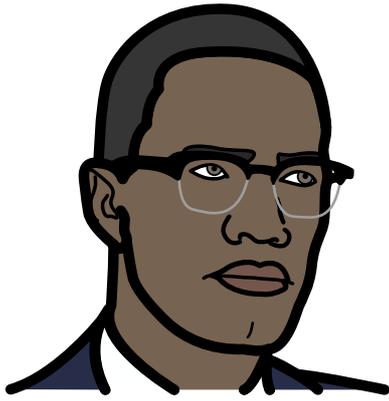


In 1965 Malcolm was shot and killed.

The gunmen were members of the Nation of Islam.

Thousands of mourners attended Malcolm's funeral.

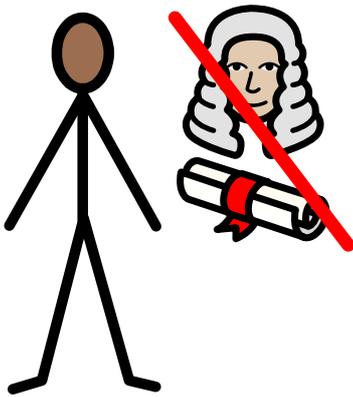
Afterwards he became an important political thinker.



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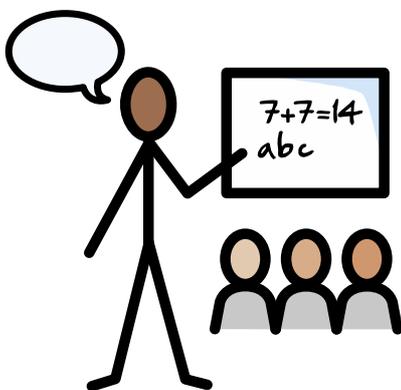
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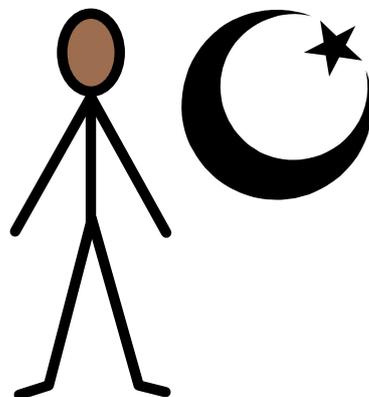
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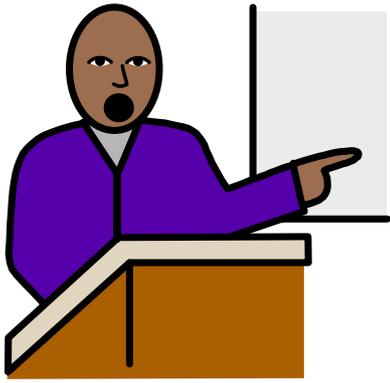
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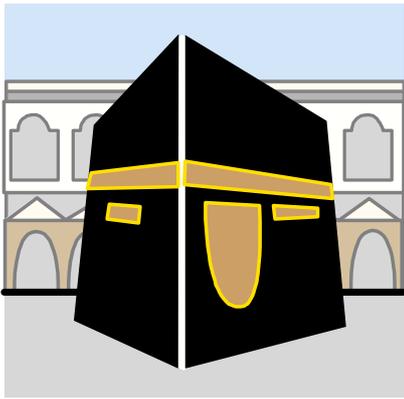
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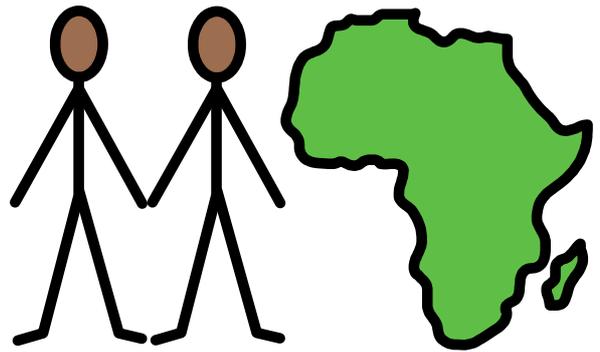
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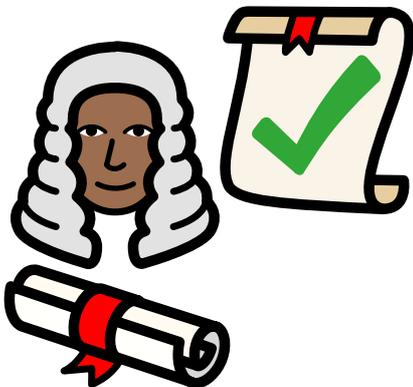
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