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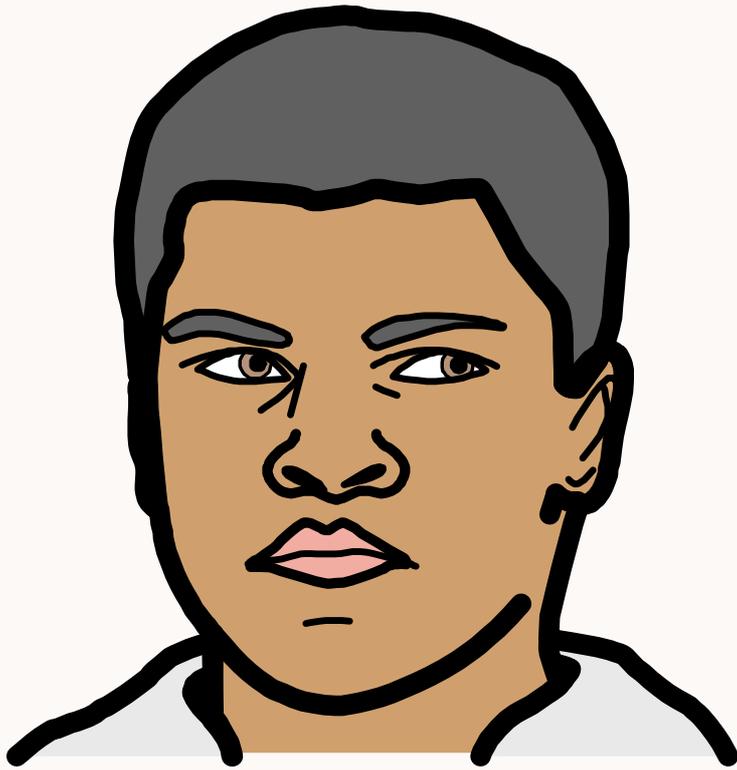
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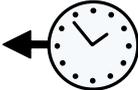


 1942 



 Muhammad Ali was born in 1942 in Kentucky, USA.




 His birth name was Cassius Clay.



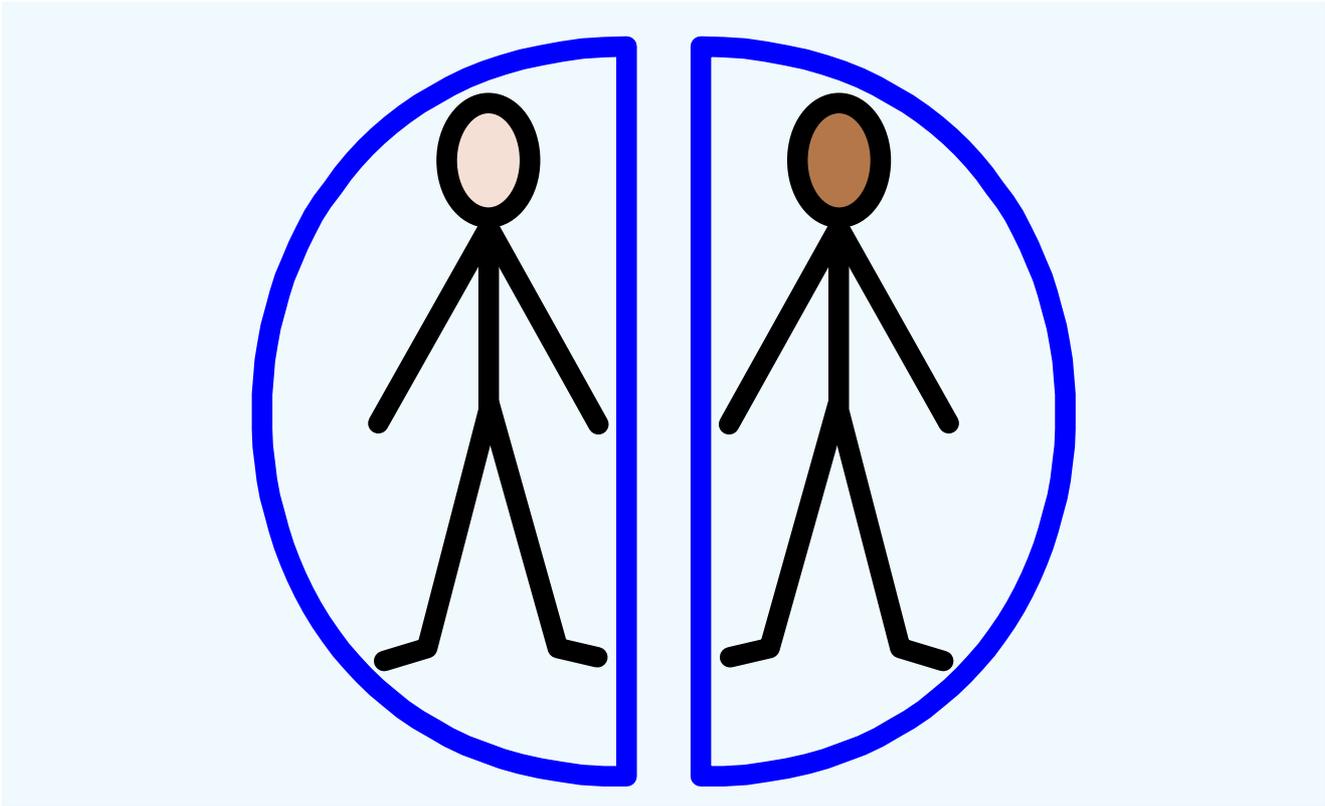



 Muhammad had dyslexia and struggled at school.





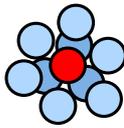

 He found reading and writing difficult.



Muhammad



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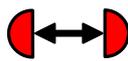


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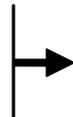


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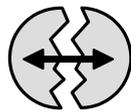
white people.



Black people



went to



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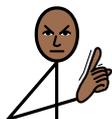
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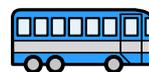


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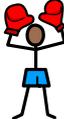
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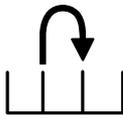


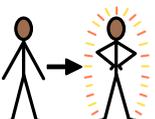
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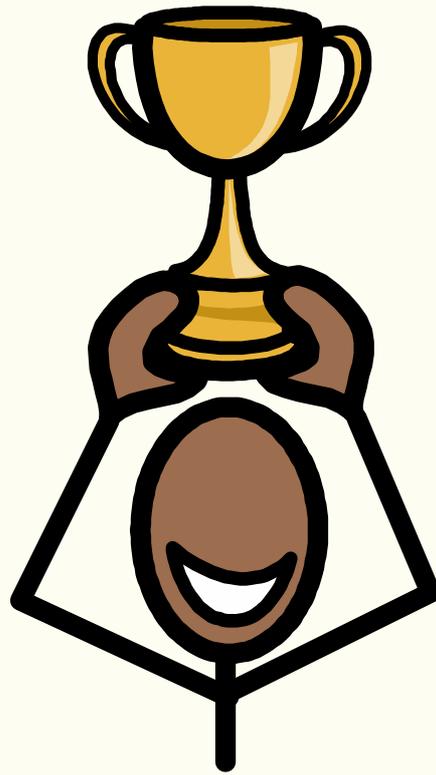


   as a  aged  12.

 Aged 18  he  won  gold in the 1960  Olympics.

 Muhammad then  became a  professional boxer.

 He became  a Muslim and joined the  Nation of  Islam.



In 1964 Muhammad became world champion.

He beat Sonny Liston at the age of 22.

Afterwards he changed his name to Muhammad Ali.

His new name meant beloved of God.

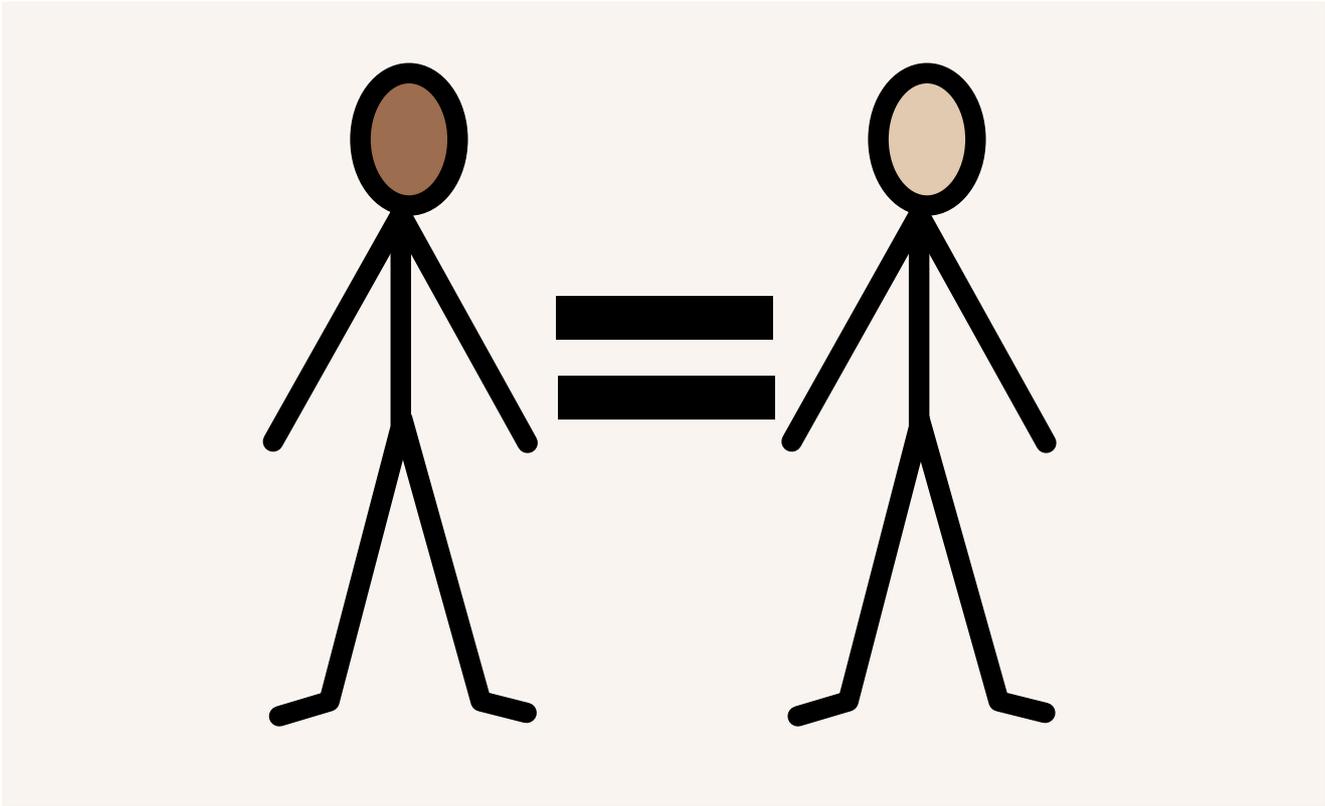


In 1966 Muhammad was drafted for the Vietnam war.

He refused to go because of his religious beliefs.

By refusing he risked a jail sentence of 5 years.

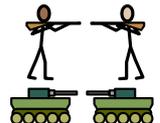
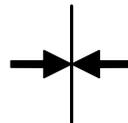
He was not allowed to box from 1967 to 1970.



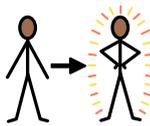
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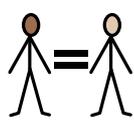
In 1971 Muhammad's appeal was successful.



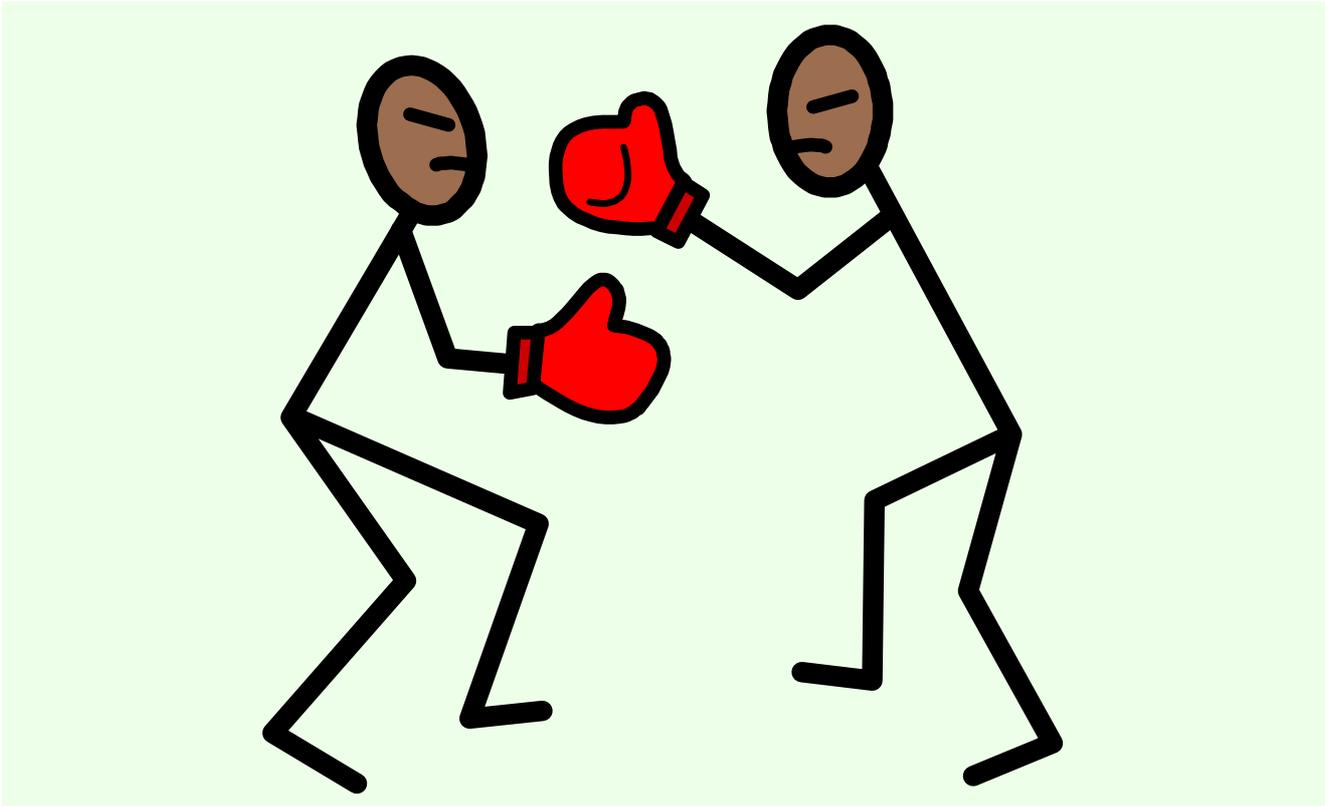
People were inspired by his stand against the war.



He became a symbol for the civil rights movement.



He wanted greater equality for African-Americans.



1971



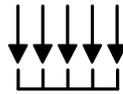
In 1971 Muhammad fought against Joe Frazier.



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People called it the 'Fight of the Century'.

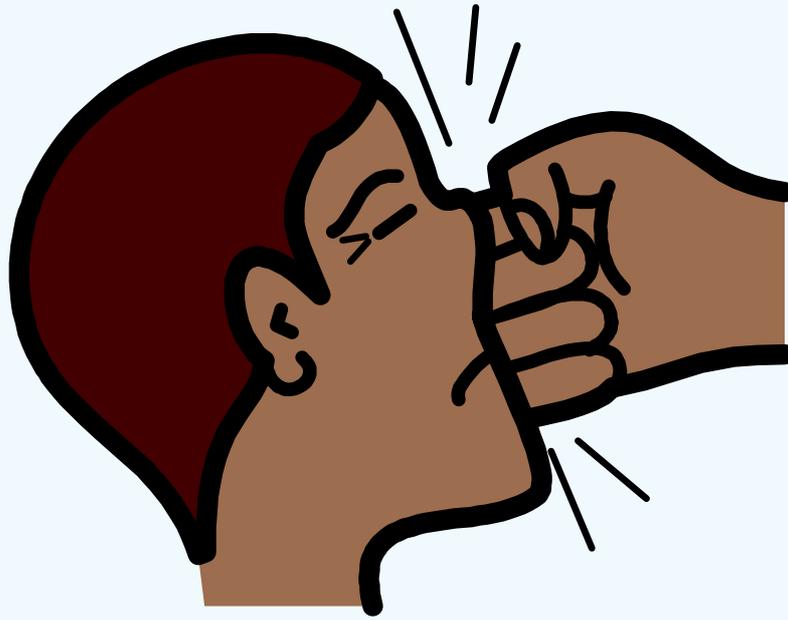


Muhammad Ali lost by unanimous judge's decision.

1974



In 1974 Muhammad beat Joe Frazier in a rematch.

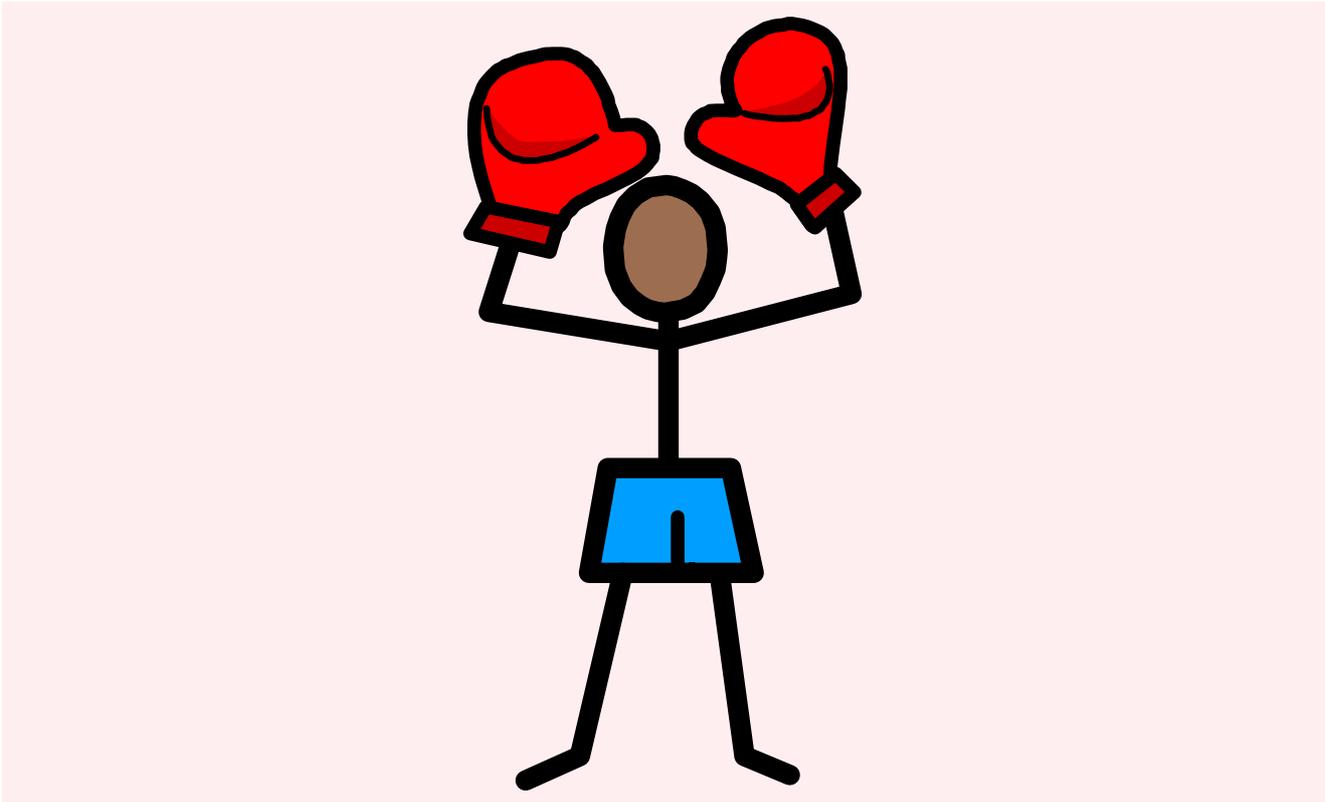


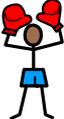
1974
In 1974 Muhammad fought George Foreman.

This fight was called the 'Rumble in the Jungle'.

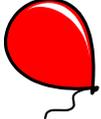
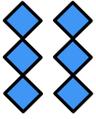
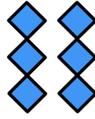
Muhammad knocked out Foreman in the 8th round.

He became world champion again.



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Muhammad was one of the world's greatest boxers.

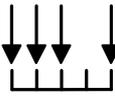
     
He used clever rhymes to boast about his skills.

      
He could "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee!"

1981   **56**  **5** 
In 1981 he retired with 56 wins and 5 losses.





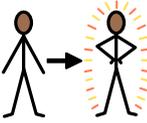




 In retirement Muhammad supported many good causes.





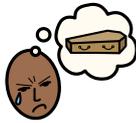

 He supported the Special Olympics for disabled athletes.

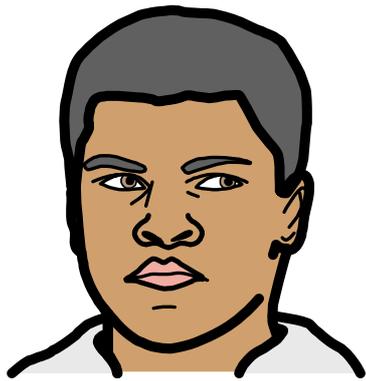



 He became a United Nations Messenger of Peace.

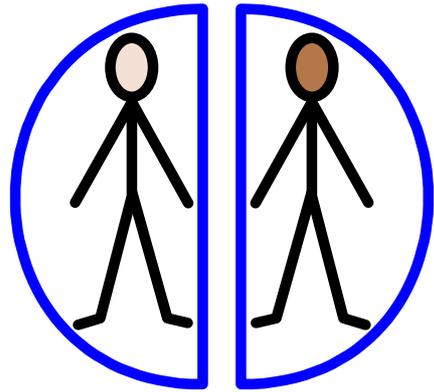


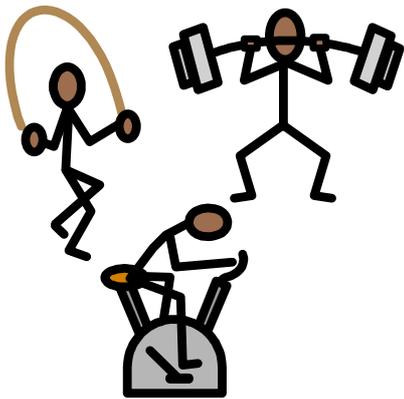
 His death in 2016 was mourned all over the world.



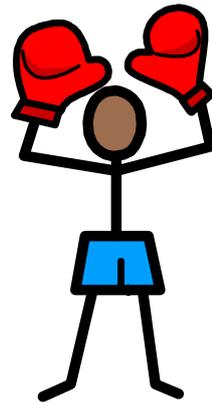
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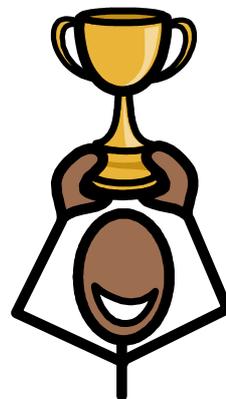
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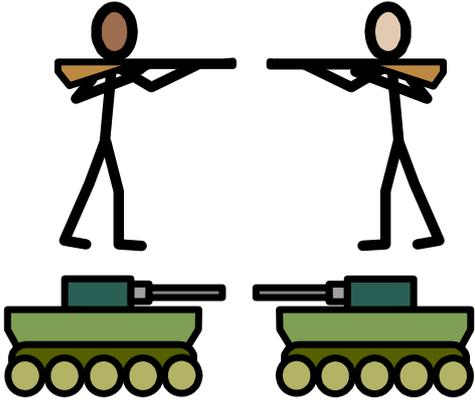
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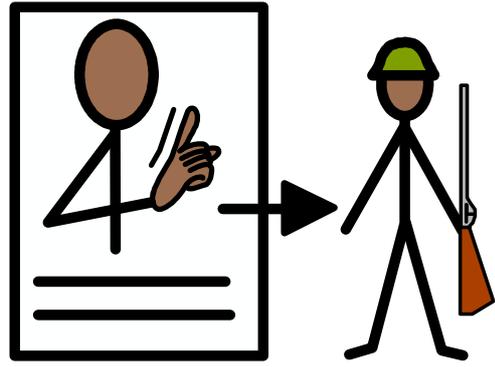
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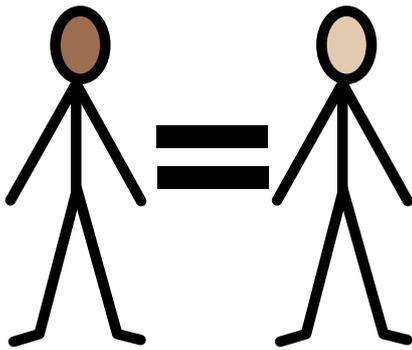
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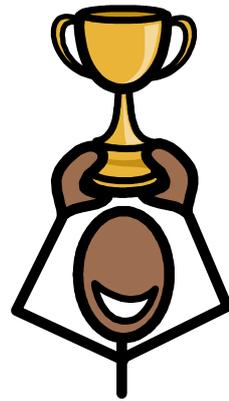
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equality



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retirement



Special Olympics