8 Reasons Why Malala Yousafzai Should Be Your Hero

If you've never heard the name Malala Yousafzai, you are about to be blown away*. Malala is truly an incredible woman. She is an 18-year-old girl from Pakistan who is an advocate for education for girls.

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When she was 15-years-old, she was on her way home from school when the Taliban fired at her. The Taliban had issued a death threat for Malala when she was 14 because she was an advocate for girls' education. She was in a coma for more than a week and had to recover both physically and mentally. Just a few months after being shot in the head, she went back to attending school.

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She wrote on the web page and it got her on the Taliban’s radar.
She expressed her views on education and the Taliban taking over her valley.

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I read Malala’s biography right when it was released and I highly recommend you read it as well. We take education for granted in the United States, so it is truly incredible to read Malala’s story and hear about the hardships* girls have to go through in other countries. She wrote this book when she was just 16 years old!

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On July 12, 2015, also called Malala Day, she opened an educational institution for Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. It was created to admit 200 girls, ages 14 to 18.
“Today on my first day as an adult, on behalf of the world’s children, I demand of leaders we must invest in books instead of bullets,” Yousafzai proclaimed in one of the school’s classrooms.

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On Oct. 2, I will be waiting in line at the movie theater to see Malala’s documentary, “He Named Me Malala.” This documentary gives viewers an intimate look at Malala’s fight for education for all.

*to be blown away: (to) be extremely impressed • hardships: deprivation, poverty