

Father:

At 6 years old Malcolm lost his father. It was officially ruled that Malcolm's father was killed in a road accident, however Malcolm later claimed that his father was lynched (publicly hanged) by white racists.

His father may have been a likely target as he was a Pan African who encouraged black pride in his children. Three of his brothers had also been killed by white racist organisations.

School:

Malcolm had excelled at junior school but later dropped out after telling his teacher that he wanted to be a lawyer. The teachers response was that 'this was no realistic goal for a nigger'.

From then on Malcolm said that education just made black people expect too little. He said that black people should be proud to be black and should look after themselves.

Africa and the Middle East:

In 1964 he travelled to North Africa and the Middle-East. He made a pilgrimage to Mecca and met Muslims from all over the world. This showed him that racial struggles were world-wide and he decided that it was possible to have a peaceful, bloodless resolution to Americas racial problems.

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He was declared unfit (too weak) for military service.

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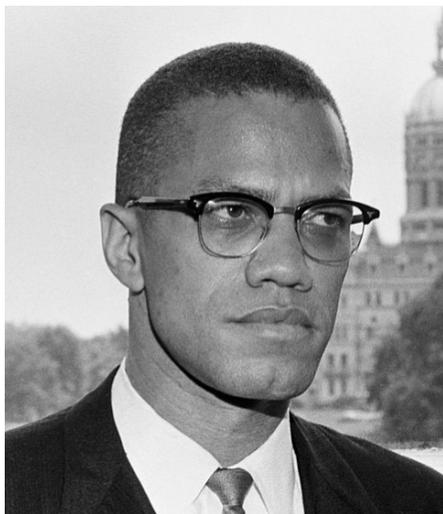
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He disliked the Civil Rights Movement and called MLK a "chump". He supported segregation and argued that instead of respect and equality black people should advance themselves "by any means necessary".



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AT Grade:
6-9



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<p>Some their solutions to black problems such as a return to Africa or a separate black state were unrealistic.</p>	<p>The Nation of Islam persuaded members to live a religious life and work to increase black self-esteem and self-confidence.</p>	<p>The NOI argued that the peaceful philosophy of Martin Luther King led to the enslavement of black people. They said violence and aggressive action was the only way to end black suffering.</p>	<p>Martin Luther King described the NOI as a “hate group”, they called him an “embarrassing fool”. This split people into two groups and made each group less effective.</p>
<p>Many attacked Malcolm X for staying safe in New York, while Martin Luther King put his life on the line over and over again protesting in the American south.</p>	<p>They were not as successful as the peaceful Civil Rights Movement in actually getting laws passed and making real change. They mostly just created more racial tension and division.</p>	<p>Malcolm X inspired many other black leaders to step forward. Many of these supported violent, aggressive protest. This further divided the Civil Rights Movement.</p>	<p>Malcolm X drew attention to the suffering of poor black Americans and helped create links to other black communities around the world. He was an icon and role model for many young African Americans.</p>
<p>They refused to march or protest with white supporters of the Civil Rights Movement. They kicked all the white members out of their organisations.</p>	<p>The movement was poorly organised. Nobody agreed on what “Black Power” actually was, with some arguing it meant a total separation of black and white people and others arguing in favour of co-operation.</p>	<p>Black Panthers set up clinics in poor black neighbourhoods to advise on health, welfare and legal rights. They also set up the “Free Breakfast” program that provided over 1700 meals weekly to the poor.</p>	<p>The violence of black nationalism meant that the FBI made destroying them their top priority. By 1970 most black nationalist leaders had been killed, imprisoned or were on the run.</p>
<p>Much of the money that supported the Civil Rights Movement had come from rich white people who were in favour of equality. When the black nationalists kicked whites out of their movement they lost all their funding. The SNCC collapsed after they ran out of money.</p>	<p>Their focus on black culture and black history was key in raising the self-confidence and pride of African Americans. This has continued to be important today.</p>	<p>Poor black Americans felt that the peaceful Civil Rights Movement did not help them in any real way, while black nationalism and the NOI helped raise awareness of poverty and unemployment.</p>	<p>The black nationalist leaders supported many black people who opened new businesses, such as restaurants, grocery stores and bakeries. This gave employment and opportunities to many vulnerable families in black neighbourhoods.</p>



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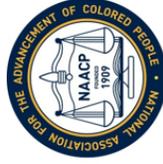
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