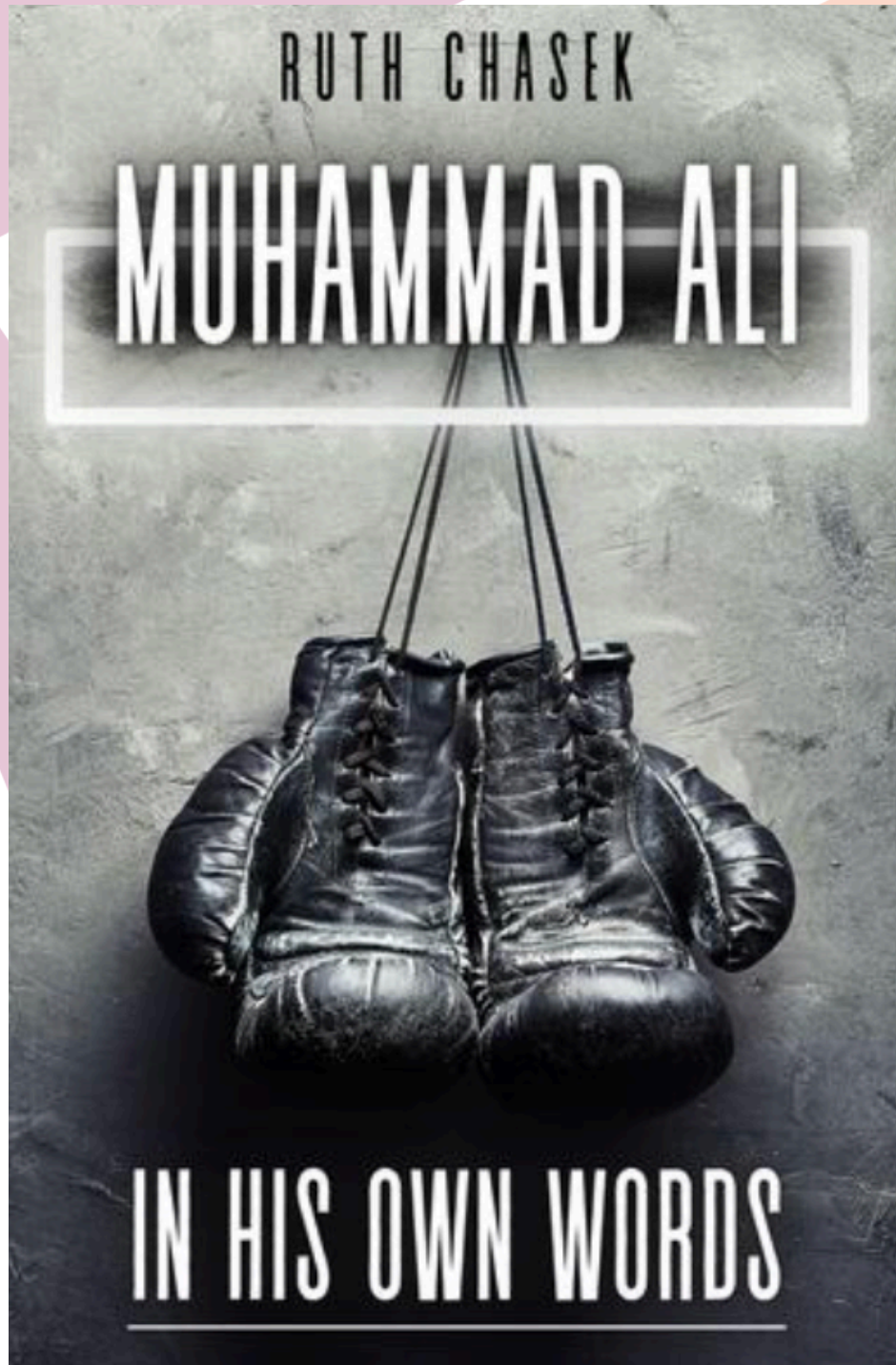


TEACHER RESOURCES & STUDENT ACTIVITIES



How to Use Storyshares Teacher Resources & Student Activities

Pre-Reading

Share **background information**.

Introduce the **vocabulary** to the students. Discuss meanings. Click here for an **instructional routine** for vocabulary.

Reading

Share the written response to reading prompt ahead of time as the **focus for reading**.

Encourage students to **read a chapter** of the text independently or in pairs.

After Reading

Students can complete the **trivia worksheet** or make it into a game! Either way, make time to review answers.

Students complete the **written response to reading** prompt.

Background Information

This nonfiction book dives into the real life story of Muhammad Ali, an American hero, professional boxer, and activist.

Visual Vocabulary

This vocabulary guide was created with English language learners in mind. This table flags Tier 2 vocabulary words in every chapter. This guide includes the definitions in context, as well as images and examples from the text.

Trivia Questions

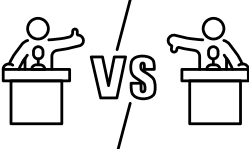






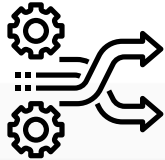
This is a ready-made student worksheet that can be given as a check for understanding after students have finished the book. You can also gamify the trivia questions, making this a small group activity. **Answers: 1. C; 2. C; 3. D; 4. A**



Click [here](#) for reading comprehension worksheets and graphic organizers.



Muhammad Ali: In His Own Words by Ruth Chasek

Word	Definition	Image	Example
challenged (verb)	to invite to enter into a fight or contest of skill; dare		So, Clay challenged Liston to a fight. (ch. 4)
crafted (verb)	to fashion or create with foresight and skill of execution		He crafted rhymes about how he would beat Liston: (ch. 4)
confirmed (verb)	to prove or show to be true		After the second Sonny Liston fight, Clay confirmed his membership in the Nation of Islam. (ch. 5)
realized (verb)	to understand completely		He realized that not all white people were "devils." (ch. 6)
physically (adverb)	in a way that involves rough body contact or strenuous physical activity		All American men over age 18 were physically and mentally tested to see if they could fight in the Vietnam War. (ch. 7)
mentally (adverb)	in a way that involves the mind or its capacity		All American men over age 18 were physically and mentally tested to see if they could fight in the Vietnam War. (ch. 7)
found (verb)	to have come upon by searching		Ali found a good lawyer. (ch. 8)
affects (verb)	to cause a change in		The disease affects the brain and causes speech and motor problems. (ch. 12)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Multiple Choice

Read the questions carefully. Choose the answer that fits the question best.

1. Why did Malcolm X feel betrayed by the leaders of the Nation of Islam?

- A. They taught about white devils.
- B. They wanted to engage in wars overseas.
- C. They did not practice the teachings they preached.
- D. They ignored the teachings of traditional Islam.

2. What was Muhammad Ali's primary reason for refusing to serve in the Vietnam War?

- A. He had a reading disability.
- B. He was unable to pass the physical exam initially required for soldiers.
- C. He didn't want to support a war against brown people when African Americans were mistreated in the US.
- D. He wanted to avoid the heavy fines for joining the Army.

3. How did Muhammad Ali spend the years when he couldn't box due to his legal battles?

- A. He continued training for his boxing career.
- B. He traveled the world to raise awareness about Islam.
- C. He started acting in Hollywood films.
- D. He gave speeches at colleges to support his family.

4. What did Muhammad Ali's funeral demonstrate about his beliefs?

- A. He valued and promoted interfaith respect and unity.
- B. It was exclusively a Muslim ceremony.
- C. He designed it to be a private event with only family.
- D. The funeral was held in a small local mosque as per his wishes.

Written Response to Reading

Why did the Supreme Court decide that Muhammad Ali did not have to join the Army? (*The Supreme Court decided that Muhammad Ali didn't have to join the army because...*)
