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Dr. Ralph Bunche



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Throughout high school Ralph excelled in sports and his studies. He did so well that he received a four year college athletic scholarship and went on to complete a doctoral degree in government at Harvard University.

Grandma Johnson died just before he left for Harvard. He knew that he could best repay her for her hard work and faith in him by continuing his studies.

After graduating, he worked for the United States government. He studied other governments, helped start the United Nations and worked hard to keep peace between countries. In 1950, he was the first African American to win the Nobel Peace Prize. He once stated that “all human beings should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.”

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| 1. Ralph Bunche was born in Detroit, Massachusetts. | True | False |
| 2. Ralph Bunche’s parents passed away. | True | False |
| 3. Ralph moved to Los Angeles. | True | False |
| 4. Ralph did well at sports in high school. | True | False |
| 5. Ralph paid for college. | True | False |
| 6. Ralph graduated from Harvard University. | True | False |
| 7. Ralph had a government job after he graduated. | True | False |
| 8. Ralph’s grandmother was a seamstress. | True | False |
| 9. Ralph studied about other country’s governments. | True | False |
| 10. Ralph was the first African American to win the Nobel Peace Prize. | True | False |
| 11. Ralph was good at sports in college. | True | False |
| 12. Ralph dropped out of college. | True | False |
| 13. Ralph won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950. | True | False |
| 14. Ralph was born in August. | True | False |



1. When was Ralph born?
 - a. He was born on August 7, 1904.
 - b. He was born on May 7, 1904.
 - c. He was born on April 7, 1904.
 - d. He was born on July 17, 1883.

2. What did his grandmother do for a living?
 - a. She was a chef.
 - b. She was a mechanic.
 - c. She was a teacher.
 - d. She was a seamstress.

3. What was Ralph good at in high school?
 - a. He was good at dancing.
 - b. He was good at sports.
 - c. He was good at drawing.
 - d. He was good at singing.

4. How did Ralph pay for college?
 - a. He had an athletic scholarship.
 - b. He took out bank loans.
 - c. His parents paid for him.
 - d. His grandmother paid for him.

5. What kind of degree did he earn at Harvard?
 - a. He earned a diploma.
 - b. He earned a Bachelors Degree.
 - c. He earned a Masters Degree.
 - d. He earned a Doctoral Degree.

6. Where did he work after he graduated from college?
 - a. He worked for the US Government.
 - b. He worked at Harvard.
 - c. He worked for a bakery.
 - d. He worked for a garage.

7. What prize did he win?
 - a. He won a studying prize.
 - b. He won the Nobel Peace Prize.
 - c. He won the Doctoral Prize.
 - d. He won the Big Prize.

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