1. How does Malala describe the affect of the growing Taliban presence in her region? Talk about the rules they imposed on the citizens in the Swat valley. What was life like?
2. If you were a 16-year-old girl in Pakistan, could you have imagined doing what Malala did? Explain.
3. Would you have had the bravery that Malala exhibited and continues to exhibit? Explain.
4. What about the role of Malala's parents, especially her father, Ziauddin. If you were her parents, would you have encouraged her to write and speak out?
5. Malala gave an [address to the United Nations](http://storify.com/cbccommunity/malala-day-un-education?utm_source=story&utm_media=embed&utm_content=related). Choose a quote from her address and explain why it’s particularly meaningful or memorable. (It’s on Mr. L’s website.)
6. What are some of the serious women’s rights issues [in Pakistan and around the world](http://gcc.concernusa.org/media/pdf/Women_Rights.pdf)?
7. How do you explain Malala’s attack in the context of Pakistan’s history?
8. What do you admire most about Malala? Why are her actions significant in terms of the worldwide struggle for human rights (in particular, women's rights)?
9. If you could have spoken to the Nobel Prize committee, what would you have said in her support?