

OSAMA BIN LADEN

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Osama Bin Laden was born into a wealthy Saudi Arabian family in 1957 and grew up in a privileged world. He left it in the 1980s to fight the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, which is where he formed Al Qaeda. He declared war on the USA in 1998 and is believed to be the mastermind behind the 9-11 attacks. He was killed in May, 2011 by US forces in Pakistan.

At university, he was deeply interested in religion. He believed that Sharia law was the only way ahead for Muslims. He called for Muslims to oppose ideas like pan-Arabism, communism and democracy. He left college in 1979 to fight the Soviet invasion in Afghanistan. He believes Afghanistan under the rule of the Taliban was "the only Islamic country" in the Muslim world.

In the late '90s, he called it a duty for Muslims to kill Western civilians and soldiers. He wanted the West to withdraw their armies from Muslim countries and stop supporting Israel. The world knew Osama Bin Laden's name after the 9-11 attacks. The American FBI say they have clear evidence linking him to the attacks, although Bin Laden has always denied any involvement.

America and its allies spent ten years and considerable resources trying to find Bin Laden. He was the USA's most wanted man for much of this time. He evaded capture despite a \$25m bounty on his head. Bin Laden was killed in a house outside Islamabad on May 1st, 2011. In the West he was the embodiment of world terrorism; to others he was a hero who fought two superpowers.

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|---------------|------------|
| 1. wealthy | a. reject |
| 2. invasion | b. very |
| 3. mastermind | c. control |
| 4. deeply | d. brains |
| 5. oppose | e. rich |
| 6. rule | f. attack |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 7. civilians | g. association |
| 8. withdraw | h. personification |
| 9. involvement | i. sizable |
| 10. considerable | j. ordinary citizens |
| 11. evaded | k. pull out |
| 12. embodiment | l. escaped |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. born into a wealthy | a. way ahead for Muslims |
| 2. believed to be the mastermind | b. of world terrorism |
| 3. Sharia law was the only | c. their armies |
| 4. oppose ideas | d. behind the 9-11 attacks |
| 5. Afghanistan under the | e. him to the attacks |
| 6. He wanted the West to withdraw | f. Saudi Arabian family |
| 7. clear evidence linking | g. and its allies |
| 8. America | h. like pan-Arabism |
| 9. He evaded capture | i. rule of the Taliban |
| 10. he was the embodiment | j. despite a \$25m bounty |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Osama Bin Laden _____ Saudi Arabian family in 1957 and grew _____ world. He left it in the 1980s to fight the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, which is where he formed Al Qaeda. He _____ USA in 1998 and is believed to be _____ the 9-11 attacks. He was killed in May, 2011 by US forces in Pakistan.

At university, he was _____ religion. He believed that Sharia law _____ ahead for Muslims. He called for Muslims to oppose ideas like pan-Arabism, communism and democracy. He left college in 1979 _____ invasion in Afghanistan. He believes Afghanistan _____ the Taliban was "the only Islamic country" in the Muslim world.

In the late '90s, he _____ Muslims to kill Western civilians and soldiers. He wanted the West _____ armies from Muslim countries and stop supporting Israel. The world knew Osama Bin Laden's name after the 9-11 attacks. The American FBI say they have clear _____ the attacks, although Bin Laden has always denied _____.

America and its _____ and considerable resources trying to find Bin Laden. He was the USA's most wanted man for much of this time. He _____ a \$25m _____. Bin Laden was killed in a house outside Islamabad on May 1st, 2011. In the West he was the embodiment of world terrorism; to others he _____ two superpowers.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

Osama Bin Laden was born into a *wealth / wealthy* Saudi Arabian family in 1957 and grew up in a *privileged / pride* world. He left it in the 1980s to fight the Soviet *invaded / invasion* of Afghanistan, which is where he formed Al Qaeda. He declared war *to / on* the USA in 1998 and is *beliefs / believed* to be the mastermind behind the 9-11 attacks. He was killed in May, 2011 *by / for* US forces in Pakistan.

At university, he was *deep / deeply* interested in religion. He believed that Sharia law was the only *way / ways* ahead for Muslims. He called for Muslims to oppose ideas like pan-Arabism, communism and democracy. He left college in 1979 to fight the Soviet *invaded / invasion* in Afghanistan. He believes Afghanistan under the rule *by / of* the Taliban was "the only Islamic country" in the Muslim world.

In the late '90s, he called it a *duty / duties* for Muslims to kill Western civilians and soldiers. He wanted the West to *withdrew / withdraw* their armies from Muslim countries and stop supporting Israel. The world knew Osama Bin Laden's name after the 9-11 attacks. The American FBI say they have *clear / clearly* evidence linking him to the attacks, although Bin Laden has always denied *many / any* involvement.

America and its allies *spend / spent* ten years and considerable *resources / resource* trying to find Bin Laden. He was the USA's most wanted man for *much / many* of this time. He evaded capture despite a \$25m bounty *on / in* his head. Bin Laden was killed in a house outside Islamabad on May 1st, 2011. In the West he was the embodiment *of / by* world terrorism; to *others / other* he was a hero who fought two superpowers.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. Osama Bin Laden was born into a alwyeht Saudi Arabian family
2. fight the Soviet nsinoiva of Afghanistan
3. He elaerddc war on the USA
4. the ramsitemnd behind the 9-11 attacks

Paragraph 2

5. he was deeypl interested in religion
6. the only way aehta for Muslims
7. fight the Soviet iasovnni in Afghanistan
8. Afghanistan udrne the rule of the Taliban

Paragraph 3

9. he called it a tuyd for Muslims
10. He wanted the West to withdraw their miarse from Muslim countries
11. elrac evidence linking him to the attacks
12. Bin Laden has always edendi any involvement

Paragraph 4

13. America and its llseia
14. He evaded rcpauet
15. a \$25m nbtyuo on his head
16. a hero who fought two peeuprowss

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to withdraw their armies from Muslim countries and stop supporting Israel. The world knew Osama Bin Laden's
- () wanted man for much of this time. He evaded capture despite a \$25m bounty on his
- (**1**) Osama Bin Laden was born into a wealthy Saudi Arabian family in 1957 and grew up in a
- () privileged world. He left it in the 1980s to fight the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, which is where he formed
- () him to the attacks, although Bin Laden has always denied any involvement.
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- () Al Qaeda. He declared war on the USA in 1998 and is believed to be the mastermind
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- () behind the 9-11 attacks. He was killed in May, 2011 by US forces in Pakistan.
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- () name after the 9-11 attacks. The American FBI say they have clear evidence linking
- () the Soviet invasion in Afghanistan. He believes Afghanistan under the rule of the Taliban was "the only Islamic country" in the Muslim world.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. Saudi family into wealthy Arabian born a

2. the on war declared He 1998 in USA

3. religion in interested deeply was he

4. to oppose ideas like pan-Arabism He called for Muslims

5. rule the Afghanistan the of Taliban under

6. withdraw to West the wanted He armies their

7. the evidence attacks linking they him have to clear

8. most was wanted the man USA's He

9. a He \$ evaded 25m capture bounty despite.

10. he was a hero who fought two superpowers To others.

OSAMA BIN LADEN DISCUSSION:

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Osama Bin Laden?
2. Would you like to meet Osama Bin Laden?
3. What would you like to know about Osama Bin Laden and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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OSAMA BIN LADEN DISCUSSION:

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Osama Bin Laden?
2. What questions would you like to ask Osama Bin Laden?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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OSAMA BIN LADEN SURVEY:

Write five questions about Osama Bin Laden in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Osama Bin Laden. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. OSAMA BIN LADEN POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Osama Bin Laden. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Osama Bin Laden. Include an imaginary interview with those who knew him.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.