

Muhammad Ali Cloze Reading for Grade 1-3

Name _____

Directions: Fill in the correct blanks

Muhammad Ali was one of the greatest boxers of all time. Born in Louisville, Kentucky, he _____ the nickname the "Louisville Lip," because of the _____ things he's say about himself such as "I'm young, I'm pretty, I'm fast, and no one can beat me." He wasn't always Muhammad Ali, however. He was _____ Cassius Clay, but changed his name in 1965 after _____ the Nation of Islam.

In his boxing career, Ali won a gold medal in the Olympics, was World Heavyweight Champion, and fought in some of the most _____ bouts in boxing _____. In 1974, he defeated George Foreman in what would become known as "The Rumble in the Jungle," as it was fought in Africa. In 1975, he defeated Joe Frazier in the 14-round "Thrilla' in Manila." Overall, he _____ with a record of 56 wins and five losses. Of his 56 wins, 37 came _____ knockout.

Words:

retired

gained

via

memorable

history

joining

outlandish

originally