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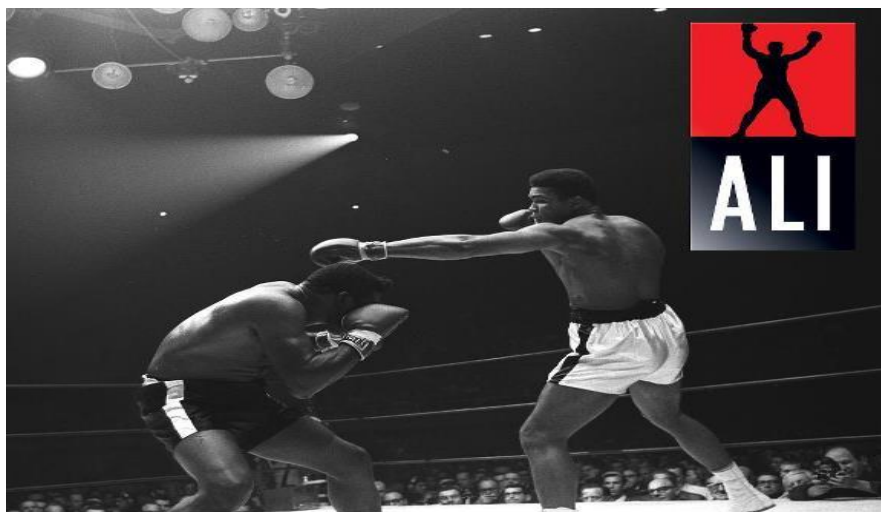
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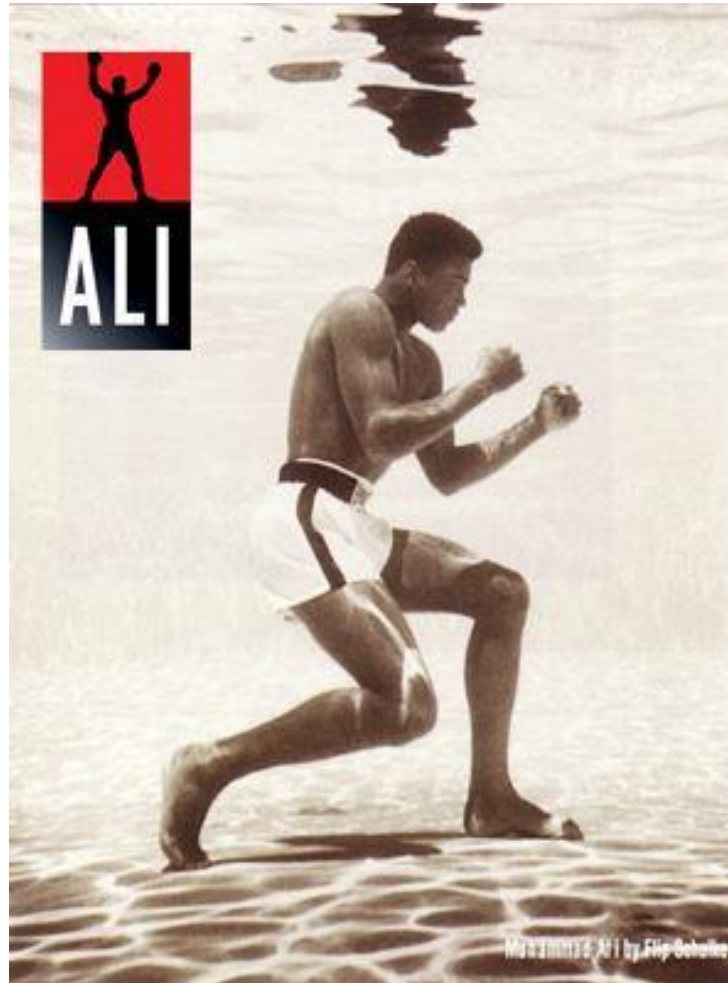


Muhammad Ali was a very good boxer and very famous, too. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, January 17, 1942. Muhammad Ali was a Golden Gloves champion and a gold medal Olympic boxer during the 1960s.



In 1960, Ali won a spot on the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team. He traveled to Rome, Italy, to compete. He was known for his footwork, and for having a powerful punch. After winning his first three bouts, Ali then defeated Zbigniew Pietrkowski from Poland to win the gold medal.

Often referring to himself as "the greatest," Ali was not afraid to sing his own praises. He was known for boasting about his skills before a fight and for his colorful descriptions and phrases. In one of his more famously quoted descriptions, Ali told reporters that he could "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee" in the boxing ring.





Ali started working with Martin to learn how to box, and soon began his boxing career. Three years later, he won the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions and the Amateur Athletic Union's national title for the light-heavyweight division.



Ali has been married to his fourth wife, Yolanda, since 1986. The couple has one son, Assad. He has several children from previous relationships, including daughter Leila who followed in his footsteps for a time as a professional boxer.

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