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BANGABANDHU, MY INSPIRATION

New Vocabularies: Nickname, Acquire, Injustice, Came forward, Sanction, Reputation, Liberal, Harmony, Team player.



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একজন মানুষ হিসাবে সমগ্র মানবজাতি নিয়েই আমি ভাবি। একজন বাঙালি হিসাবে যা কিছু বাঙালিদের সঙ্গে সম্পর্কিত তাই আমাকে গভীরভাবে ভাবায়। এই নিরন্তর সম্পৃক্তির উৎস ভালোবাসা, অক্ষয় ভালোবাসা, যে ভালোবাসা আমার রাজনীতি এবং অস্তিত্বকে অর্থবহ করে তোলে।

(বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান)

8.1

Watch the short video clip on the childhood of Bangabandhu on Youtube and in pairs/groups discuss the following questions.

বঙ্গবন্ধুর শৈশবের সংক্ষিপ্ত Video Clip Youtube এ দেখ। জোড়ায়/দলে নিচের প্রশ্নগুলো আলোচনা করো।

1. When was Bangabandhu born?
2. What was his nickname?
3. Do you think Bangabandhu was very friendly in his childhood?
If yes, how do you know?
4. Can you tell a childhood story of Bangabandhu that expresses his love for the people?
5. Does Bangabandhu inspire you to support the truth? If yes, how?

8.2

Read the text and complete the following activities in pairs/groups.

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You must have heard the name of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman many a time. But, how much do you know about him? Do you know that he has three names - *Khoka* to his closest ones, *Bangabandhu* to the people of Bangladesh, and the great leader, *Sheikh Mujibur Rahman* to the world?

Bangabandhu was the dreamer of an independent Bangladesh. He sacrificed every bit of himself and led Bangladesh to achieve its independence. His love for the people and sacrifice for the country made him ‘The Father of the Nation’.

He was a born leader. His love and care for the people made him speak for all of us. He never accepted any injustice done to anyone. From his very childhood, he always stood by his friends in times of need. If he saw anybody in his class who could not afford to buy an umbrella, he gave away his own so that the boy did not have to suffer in the heat or rain. Sometimes, he even gave away his textbooks. Do you help your friends?



He was always confident and courageous. He was not afraid to speak up against injustice. Once when he was a student of Gopalganj Missionary School, the chief minister of undivided Bengal, Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haque visited the school.

Then, Mujib along with his friends came forward with their demands to repair the school hostel's roof. Afterwards, the chief minister sanctioned the money. Do you ever speak for your friends or community? Bangabandhu was a football lover. He loved to play football, volleyball, and hockey. He had a reputation as a team player. Do you play any of these sports?



He was a knowledgeable person. He was a great speaker too. In those days, there was no internet or smartphones. He gathered knowledge by reading newspapers. Do you read any newspapers?

He loved people and was always surrounded by them. He could mix with people easily. He was liberal. He wanted people from all communities to live together in harmony. His only dream was to see Bangladesh as a free, peaceful, and prosperous nation. Will you be a part of making his dream true?

Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B.

Column A	Column B
1. Achieve	An offer to do something
2. Repair	When someone doesn't get his right
3. Injustice	Fame, Position
4. Came forward	Become successful
5. Sanction	One who plays for the team rather than for personal glory.
6. Reputation	Respect others' beliefs or behaviour
7. Liberal	A situation where everything is right and peaceful
8. Harmony	Give official permission
9. A team player	Fix

8.3

Read the text again and, ask and answer the following questions in pairs.

1. What was Bangabandhu's dream?
2. Why do people call him 'The Father of the Nation'?
3. How do you know he was courageous?
4. What was his favourite sport?
5. Why did he read newspapers?

8.4

Read the text again. In pairs/groups, discuss the following qualities of Bangabandhu. And describe those with an example in the next column to it. If you need, you can read any books, articles etc. One is done for you.

উপরের Text টি আবার পড়ো। জোড়ায়/দলে বঙ্গবন্ধুর নিচের গুণাবলি আলোচনা করো এবং Description কলামে একটি উদাহরণসহ গুণাবলি বর্ণনা করো। প্রয়োজনে বঙ্গবন্ধু সম্পর্কিত তথ্যবহুল কোনো বই অথবা প্রবন্ধ পড়া যেতে পারে। একটি উদাহরণ তোমার জন্য করে দেয়া হলো।

Qualities	Description
1. Dreamer	He was a dreamer because he had a dream that one day Bangladesh would be a free and peaceful country.
2. Great leader	
3. Helpful	
4. Courageous	
5. Good player	
6. Knowledgeable	

7. Great speaker	
8. Friendly	
9. Kind	
10. A true patriot	

8.5

Now, in pairs/ groups, identify some qualities of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman that you like to acquire. Then, describe why and how you will acquire those. Finally, share it in the class.

এখন, জোড়ায়/দলে বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমানের কয়েকটি গুণ চিহ্নিত করো যেগুলো তুমি অর্জন করতে চাও। তারপর কেন এবং কিভাবে এই গুণগুলো তুমি অর্জন করবে তা বর্ণনা করো। সবশেষে শ্রেণিতে এগুলো Share করো।

You can present your thoughts using the following table.

Some qualities I want to acquire	Why are these qualities important to me?	What will I do to acquire these qualities?