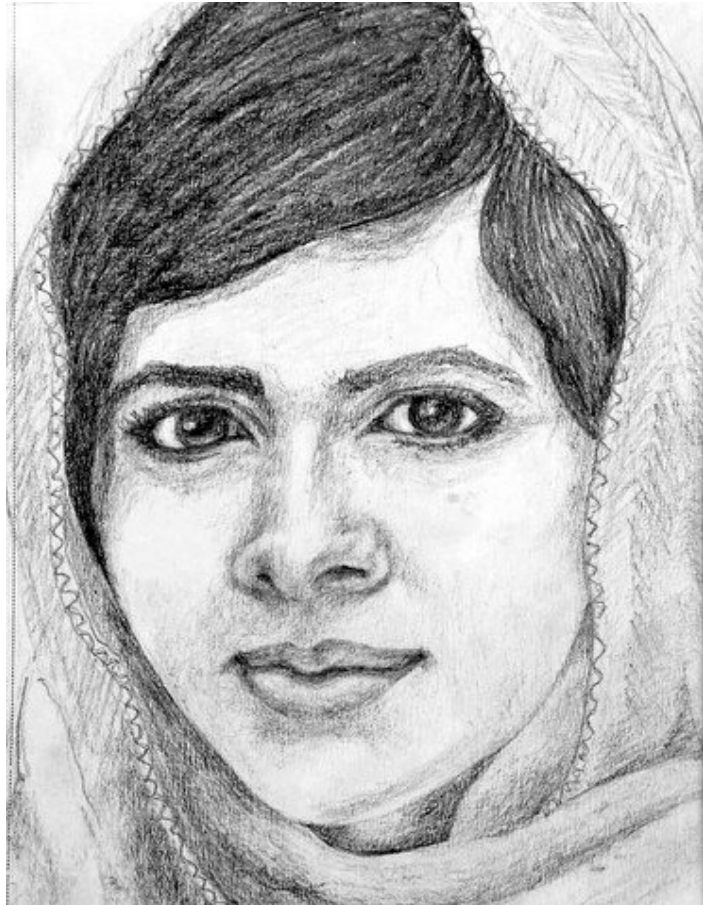# Malala Yousafzi

Born: July 12, 1997, Mingora, Pakistan [age 20 years]

As a child **Malala Yousafzi** became an advocate for girl's education, which resulted in the Taliban issuing a death threat against her. On October 9th 2012 a gunman shot Malala in the head on her way home from school. She recovered to create a non-profit and write her book *I Am Malala*. She refused to be intimidated or to stop her work for girls even after the attempted assassination. The incident propelled her onto the international stage. In 2014, at 17 years of age, she became a co-recipient of the Nobel Prize, the youngest one ever. In 2017 Malala became the youngest person to address the House of Commons in Canada. She speaks with great poise, intelligence and dignity far beyond her years.