***My Hero: Muniba Mazari***

***By Jenn, Zinnia***

***Thinking & Discussion: W4.2 homework***

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| Hero's name:Muniba Mazari | **INFORMATION** |
| **Family & Childhood** | **She was born on 3 March 1987, in Rahim Yar Khan, in Pakistan, and has 2 brothers and a sister. Not much is known about her parents.** |
| **Political/Social situation at time** | The Islamic Republic of Pakistan (Urdu: اِسلامی جمہوریہ پاکِستان‎), is a country in South Asia. It is the world’s sixth-most populous country with a population more than 212 million people. A strict Islamic country as well as poor, there are many young girls who are not able to go to school. Arranged marriages are the norm. But Muniba was able to go to school and graduated with a BA. |
| **Events that influenced the person** | In 2007 she was in a car accident because her husband fell asleep at the wheel. She had many injuries, including to her spinal cord. She spent 2 years in hospital bed, and is a parapalegic so must use a wheelchair. |
| **Hardships** | After the accident, her husband divorced her and her father left her family as well. She was very depressed and felt helpless.  |
| **Turning points** | She turned to painting in her recovery. She adopted a son and supports him alone. She has become famous because of her art. |
| **Achievements** | She decided to be the hero in her own life.She is an amazing painter, motivational speaker, social activitist, beautiful model, tv anchor person, excellent singer.She is the UN Women’s Ambassador from Pakistan. She was included in the BBC 100 top Women List of 2015. She has established her own brand, “Muniba’s Canvas” with the slogan: “Let your Walls Wear Colors” |
| **How the person changed the world** | Active part of social campaigns:Child violence, gender discrimination, children’s rights and educationVisited victims of disaster in hospitalsFeeds the hungry children |
| **Why I chose her** | I chose her because she has had courage in the face of so much difficulty. I also chose her because I grew up in Pakistan and love the country and people so much. I am so thankful for all Muniba is doing for the women and children there, and I would be so very honored to meet her one day. I follow her Instagram and FB and wish to have courage like her. |

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