

NEWS BREAK

Sunday's News Break selects an article from Sunday, October 25, 2015 of The Seattle Times e-Edition for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected story and answer the attached study questions.

How Bruce Lee broke barriers (NW Arts & Life, **page H3**)

Pre-Reading and Vocabulary

1. Read the title of this article. Do you know who Bruce Lee is? Look at the photos accompanying the article, what clues do the photos give you to who Bruce Lee is? What barriers do you think he broke?

2. **Vocabulary: Match the words to the numbered definitions below.**

- A. adulations
- B. ambitious
- C. barrier
- D. debuted
- E. delve
- F. exhibit
- G. iconic
- H. indelible
- I. memorabilia
- J. montage
- K. nostalgia
- L. obsession
- M. profound
- N. stereotype
- O. waned

- 1. a widely known symbol
- 2. something that makes it difficult for people to understand each other; a law, rule, problem, etc., that makes something difficult or impossible
- 3. very great
- 4. a work of art that is made up of several different kinds of things (such as strips of newspaper, pictures, or pieces of wood)
- 5. having a desire to be successful, powerful, or famous
- 6. becoming smaller or less
- 7. objects or materials that are collected because they are related to a particular event, person, etc. : things collected as souvenirs
- 8. someone or something that a person thinks about constantly or frequently
- 9. to appear in public for the first time
- 10. impossible to remove or forget
- 11. an often unfair and untrue belief that many people have about all people or things with a particular characteristic
- 12. an object or a collection of objects that have been put out in a public space for people to look at
- 13. pleasure and sadness that is caused by remembering something from the past and wishing that you could experience it again

14. extreme admiration or praise
15. to search for information about something

Comprehension

1. What is the name of the latest Bruce Lee exhibit at the Wing Luke Museum?
2. What did Bruce Lee's widow, Linda Lee Caldwell, say was his first love?
3. How many years did Bruce Lee live in Seattle? **(Multiple Choice)**
 - a) 5 years
 - b) 10 years
 - c) 15 years
4. Bruce Lee died at the age of 32 – **true or false?**
5. Since the exhibit debuted last fall at the Wing Luke, name two things that have increased at the museum.
6. The latest _____ is part of a three-year exhibit that will end in September 2017. **(Fill in the blank)**
7. The loosely based theme of the new exhibit focuses on how Bruce Lee broke the Charlie Chan-Fu Manchu Hollywood _____. **(Fill in the blank)**
8. What show when it debuted in 1966, only had the white lead actor featured on magazine covers, advertisements, collectibles and it wasn't until Bruce Lee developed a cult following that the TV industry and media started giving Bruce equal billing in the magazine covers and ads?
9. What basketball star did Bruce Lee have a fight scene with in the movie "Game of Death"?
10. According to the article, how was Bruce Lee different from other martial artists during his time?

Additional Activities

1. Research to find out what the Charlie Chan and Fu Manchu characters, mentioned in the article, and stereotypes they represented were. Then research some of the characters Bruce Lee played. How did the characters he played portray Asian Americans?
2. Have students research to find out more about Bruce Lee's life and his philosophies. Then have students write 2 – 3 paragraphs about what they learned.

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Answer Key to Vocabulary

- A. 14
- B. 5
- C. 2
- D. 9
- E. 15
- F. 12
- G. 1
- H. 10
- I. 7
- J. 4
- K. 13
- L. 8
- M. 3
- N. 11
- O. 6

Answer Key to Comprehension Questions

- 1. "Breaking Barriers"
- 2. Martial art was his first love.
- 3. a) 5 years
- 4. True
- 5. Ticket sales have increased and sales from the museum's gift shop.
- 6. montage
- 7. stereotype
- 8. "The Green Hornet"
- 9. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
- 10. Most martial artists didn't make contact or hit at full force but Lee would.