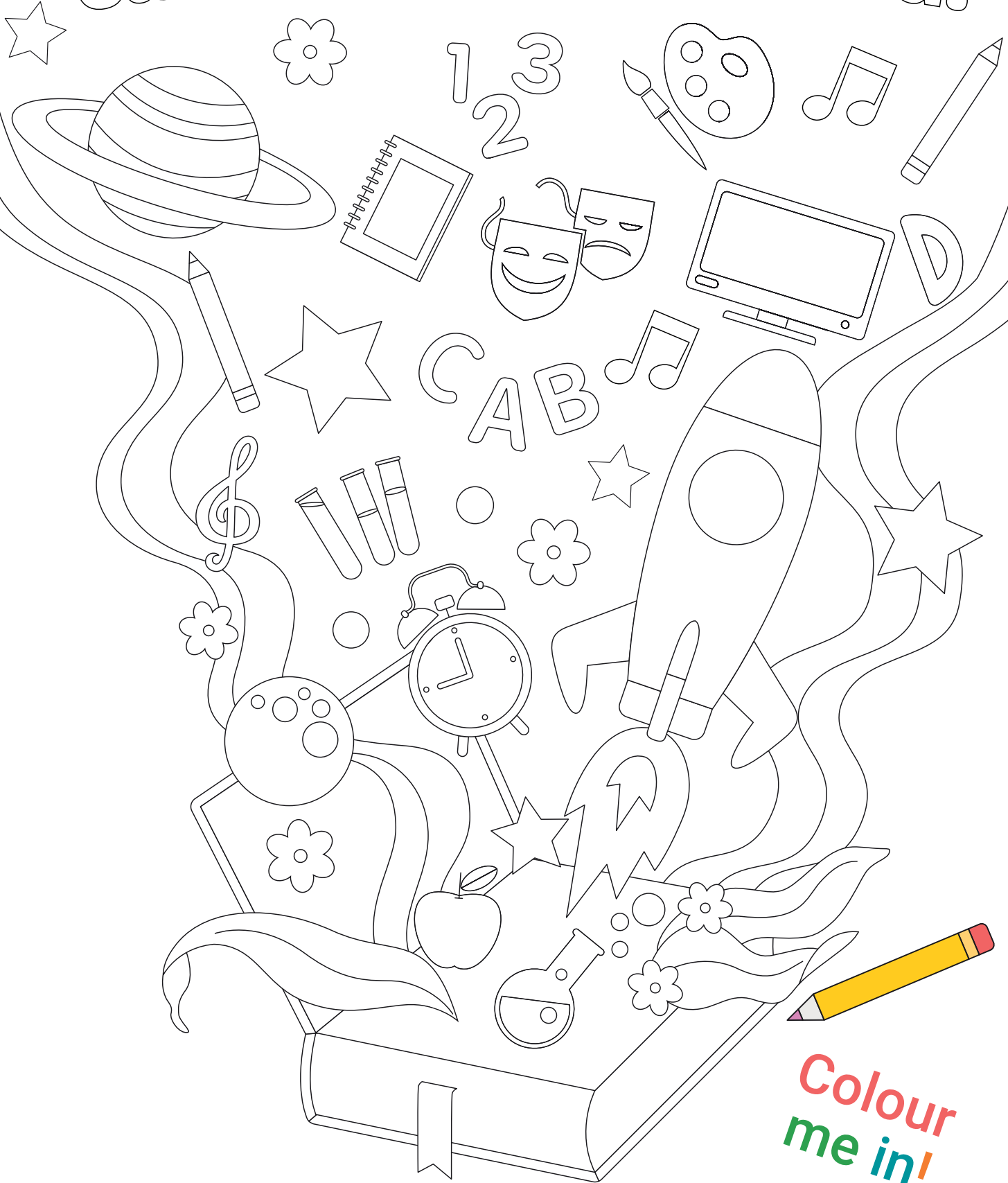


"One child, one teacher,  
one pen and one book  
can change the world."



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# Malala Yousafzai

## Fact Sheet

Malala was born in 1997 and grew up in Mingora, Swat District in Pakistan.

Malala was just 11 years old when she went to school in secret despite the ban.

In 2012, as she was returning home one day, Taliban members boarded the bus she was on and shot her in the head. She survived and was sent to England for months of surgery and rehabilitation.

Since then, Malala has finished her education in England and graduated from Oxford University, with a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

In 2008, the Taliban took control of the town. The extremists banned many things, such as owning a television and playing music. They also banned girls from going to school.

She began to speak more openly about the right to education. She began an anonymous blog for BBC Urdu called 'A seventh-grade Schoolgirl from Swat' in which she talked about how the Taliban's ban on girls' education affected her and her friends.

In 2014, at the age of 17, she received the Nobel Peace Prize for her work "against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to receive an education."

She continues to fight for the right of every girl to receive an education.

### Sayings of Malala

*"I raise up my voice – not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard."*

*"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful."*

*"There are two powers in the world; one is the sword and the other is the pen. There is a third power stronger than both, that of women."*

*"If one man can destroy everything, why can't one girl change it?"*

Visit [Malala.org](http://Malala.org) to find out more about Malala, or to join in her campaign for a world where everyone can learn.



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