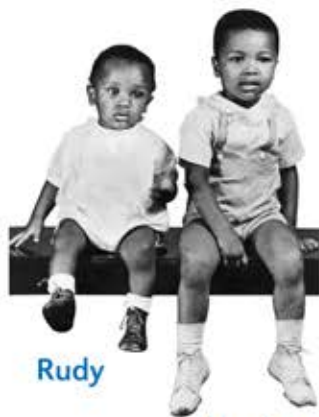


Muhammad Ali was born on January 17, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky. His birth name was Cassius Clay. His father was a sign painter. His mother cooked and cleaned for other families. He had a younger brother named Rudy.

FAST FACT!

Cassius and Rudy loved to play rough. Friends called them "the Wrecking Crew."



Rudy

Cassius



MAP KEY

- City where Muhammad Ali was born



When Cassius was 12 years old, someone stole his brand-new bike. A policeman named Joe Martin came to find out what happened. Cassius told Martin that he wanted to beat up the person who stole his bike. Martin had a better idea. He suggested Cassius join his boxing class.

Cassius was just a kid when he started boxing.

Clay trained hard. When he was just 17, he won a big championship called the Golden Gloves. The next year, in 1960, Clay was part of the United States Olympic Team. He won every fight and earned a gold medal.



Olympic gold medal, front and back

FAST FACT!

By the time he was 18, Clay had won 100 out of 108 fights!

