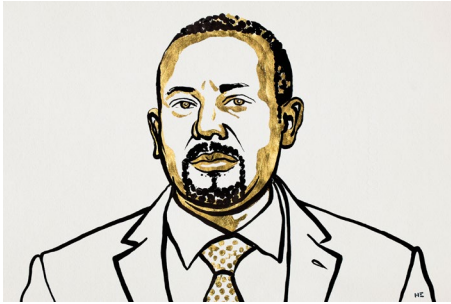


Student worksheet – Peace Prize 2019 Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali



The 2019 Nobel Peace Prize is being awarded to Ethiopian Prime Minister **Abiy Ahmed Ali** for his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation. The prize rewards the contributions that he has made in his own country, his initiative to resolve Ethiopia's border conflict with neighbouring Eritrea and his efforts to help other African countries resolve their conflicts.

When **Abiy Ahmed** took office as prime minister of Ethiopia in April 2018, he immediately began working to change his country in a more democratic direction. He freed political prisoners and journalists who had been detained, and he discontinued Ethiopia's censorship of the media. He also legalised opposition groups that had been outlawed. He has promised that the next elections will be free and fair.

Abiy Ahmed also reached out to the neighbouring country of Eritrea. He took the initiative to resolve the conflict that had existed between Ethiopia and Eritrea for many years. This conflict is about how to draw the border between the two countries. In cooperation with Eritrea's President Isaias Afwerki, Abiy Ahmed worked out a peace agreement that the two leaders signed in July 2018. The new agreement ended the conflict, and as a result the two neighbouring countries have now resumed their relationship.

Finally, **Abiy Ahmed** has also helped facilitate the resolution of other conflicts in East and Northeast Africa. He has served as a mediator between various countries. One example is the conflict between Kenya and Somalia over rights to a marine area. There is now hope for a peaceful resolution of this conflict.

Vocabulary list

MEDIATOR The role of a mediator is to try to persuade two or more groups or countries with conflicting opinions and interests to achieve a joint solution.

CENSORSHIP Censorship means that public authorities monitor and decide what may be written or said, for example in newspapers and books and on television.

OPPOSITION The opposition consists of those parties that do not participate in or support the government of a country.

What do you think?

What is the most important thing about the Laureate's work?

Alfred Nobel wanted the work of the Nobel Laureates to "have conferred the greatest benefit to humankind". What will be the greatest benefit of the 2019 Laureate's achievements?
