



Last week, Madeleine Albright died at the age of 84. Albright was born in former Czechoslovakia, and she immigrated to the US during World War II.

She was the first woman to become the US **Secretary of State**. She became a top **diplomat** of Bill Clinton's government. During the **genocides** in Rwanda and Bosnia-Herzegovina, she showed how strong she was.

In 2000, she visited North Korea to meet the Communist leader Kim Jong-il, and in the same year, she met with the Russian President Vladimir Putin. One day before Russia attacked Ukraine, Albright wrote an article for New York Times and criticized Putin. She wrote that Ukraine was an independent country, and everyone had to accept that.

Albright became popular with young women, and she inspired them to find a good job and fight for their rights.

Difficult words: **Secretary of State** (the boss of a government department which works with other countries), **diplomat** (an official who works for a country in another place), **genocide** (the killing of many people of the same country or group).

Discussion Questions**Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *Secretary of State, diplomat and genocide*
2. Who was Madeleine Albright?
3. Where was she born and where did she immigrate?
4. What were her accomplishments during President Clinton's government?
5. What did Albright do one day before Russia attacked Ukraine?
6. Why was Madeleine Albright popular with young women?
7. At what age did Madeleine Albright die?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Had you known who Madeleine Albright was?
2. Do you know the roles of a secretary of state? If yes, what are they?
3. Do you think the job of a secretary of state is easy? Why or why not?
4. Would you be interested to become a secretary of state in your country? Why or why not?