

A Marathon of Hope

Review Key Words⁶

- marathon** A marathon is a race in which people run about 26.2 miles.
- inspired** Inspired means made others want to do something or try for something.
- amputated** Amputated means cut off a body part, usually by a doctor.
- prosthetic leg** A prosthetic leg is an artificial leg used to replace a leg that is missing. Many prosthetic legs are made of plastic or other sturdy materials.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

8 For 143 days, Terry Fox ran nearly a
 16 **marathon** each day. His goal was to run
 22 across Canada—over 5,000 miles! Terry
 29 ran to raise **donations** for **cancer research**.
 37 And he set out on this **incredible** journey
 41 with only one leg.

48 Three years earlier, when Terry was 18,
 56 he learned that he had bone cancer. To
 62 prevent the cancer from spreading, doctors
 69 **amputated** Terry's right leg and replaced it
 77 with a **prosthetic leg**. Terry didn't **dwell** on
 83 his **misfortune**; instead, he worked on
 89 learning to walk and run again.

95 Terry **recovered**, but he thought about
 102 all the people still suffering from cancer.
 111 He decided to run across Canada and call it
 the "Marathon of Hope." His goal was to

119 raise money to help cure cancer and give
 127 hope back to people with the disease.

134 Terry ran from dawn to nightfall. He
 141 ran in rough weather and when he wasn't
 149 feeling well. Terry's **determination**
 153 **inspired** thousands of people. But then,
 159 after 143 days and 3,339 miles, Terry was
 167 forced to **abandon** his run—his cancer had
 175 returned.

176 Sadly, Terry died the next year. But he
 184 had already raised millions of dollars, and
 191 his **cause** lived on. Every year, people
 198 **organized** races in Terry's honor. These
 204 races helped raise millions more for cancer
 211 research.

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Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Every year, people raised money for cancer research when they organized races in honor of Terry Fox.
 - b. After losing his leg to cancer, Terry Fox ran nearly a marathon each day to raise money and inspire hope.
 - c. When Terry Fox was 18, he learned that he had bone cancer, and doctors amputated his right leg.

2. Why was Terry forced to abandon his run?
 - a. His cancer returned.
 - b. Doctors had to amputate his leg.
 - c. The weather was rough.

3. What does the word **determination** mean in this story?
 - a. ability to raise donations
 - b. illness or suffering
 - c. willingness to keep trying

4. Which of his goals did Terry meet?
 - a. He organized races every year.
 - b. He ran over 5,000 miles across Canada.
 - c. He raised millions of dollars for cancer research.

5. How did Terry's run give hope to people with cancer?

6. Match each word with its definition.

1. abandon	a. ___ got better
2. cause	b. ___ give up
3. recovered	c. ___ planned and put together
4. misfortune	d. ___ a goal someone works for
5. organized	e. ___ something that causes sadness

7. Number the events below in the correct order.
 - ___ Terry set a goal to run across Canada.
 - ___ Terry learned he had bone cancer.
 - ___ Terry ran nearly a marathon each day.
 - ___ People organized races in Terry's honor.
 - ___ Doctors amputated Terry's right leg and gave him a prosthetic leg.

Number Correct: _____

Summarize the Story

Number of Words Written: _____