

## Terry Fox – A Hero Who Never Gave Up

**Terry Fox** was born in Winnipeg, Canada, in 1958 and grew up in British Columbia. From a young age, he loved sports, especially basketball and running. Terry was known for his strong spirit — he never gave up, no matter how hard things became.



When Terry was 18 years old, doctors discovered that he had bone cancer in his right leg. To save his life, his leg had to be amputated. It was a painful and frightening experience, but Terry stayed positive. While recovering in the hospital, he saw many other patients, including young children, also battling cancer. He decided that he wanted to do something to help them.

Terry came up with a brave and powerful idea — to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. He called his journey the Marathon of Hope. In April 1980, using an artificial leg, he began his run in St. John's, Newfoundland. Every day, he ran about 42 kilometres — the distance of a full marathon — no matter the weather. His courage and determination inspired people across the country.

Terry ran more than 5,000 kilometres, reaching Ontario before the cancer spread to his lungs. Though he had to stop running, his message of hope had already touched the hearts of millions. Canadians donated generously to support his dream of finding a cure for cancer.

Sadly, Terry Fox passed away in 1981 at the age of 22. But his legacy continues. Every year, people around the world take part in the Terry Fox Run, keeping his spirit alive and raising millions of dollars for cancer research.

Terry Fox showed the world that one person's courage and kindness can inspire an entire nation — and change lives forever.

## Terry Fox – Questions

### What We Can Learn

- Be brave and never give up, even when life is hard.
- One person's dream can inspire millions.
- Help others whenever you can.
- Keep running toward your goals!

### Questions

1. What serious illness did Terry Fox have?  
A. A broken leg  
B. A cold  
C. Cancer  
D. A fever
2. What does “amputated” mean?  
A. Fixed or healed  
B. Cut off by surgery  
C. Covered with bandages  
D. Made stronger
3. What was the name of Terry Fox's run across Canada?  
A. The Hope Marathon  
B. The Great Run  
C. The Marathon of Hope  
D. Terry Fox Run
4. Why did Terry want to run across Canada?  
A. To win a prize  
B. To raise money for cancer research  
C. To become famous  
D. To visit his friends
5. How is Terry Fox remembered today?  
A. By building statues  
B. By the yearly Terry Fox Run for cancer research  
C. By his songs  
D. By his basketball team

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