

## **Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope Still Running**

In 1980, Terry Fox started a Marathon of Hope. His hope was to raise money for cancer research and eventually help to find a cure for the disease. After losing a leg to bone cancer, Terry Fox wanted to help other people. To raise money, he began a fundraising run across Canada. His famous run-hop stride is well known to Canadians and people around the world.

Terry Fox ran more than 5,300 kilometres – half -way across Canada – when the cancer spread to his lungs. He died at the age of 22, in 1981. His mother, Betty Fox, kept his Marathon of Hope alive, as a tireless promoter who helped to set up the Terry Fox Foundation. The foundation has raised more than half a billion dollars for cancer research.

Betty Fox passed away in June. However, the Terry Fox Foundation continues to thrive and support fundraising runs across Canada and around the world. Many of the runs take place in the fall, and many are organized by Canadian schools. This year, National School Run Day was Sept. 28—However, many schools run on different days throughout the fall.

The runs are unique because they are non-commercial (meaning that there are no advertisers or commercial sponsors), all-inclusive events. Everyone who can run, walk or wheel is encouraged to participate.

## Comprehension Questions

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- 1) When did Terry Fox Start the Marathon of Hope?
- 2) What did he hope to raise money for?
- 3) How far did he run?
- 4) How old was he when he died?
- 5) Who kept the Marathon of Hope alive?
- 6) When did Betty Fox die?
- 7) How much money has the Terry Fox Foundation raised?
- 8) When do the runs usually take place?
- 9) When is the National Run this year?
- 10) Who is encouraged to participate?