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How to use this resource:

The Canadian Reader is a made-in-Canada teaching and learning resource featuring all-Canadian content. It has three main components; use the entire package, or pick and choose the pages that suit your class the best.

1. **Literacy Focus** – This generic lesson plan focuses on seven key non-fiction reading comprehension strategies, presented in the following order:

Issue 1: *Using Text Features*

Issue 2: *Making Connections*

Issue 3: *Visualizing*

Issue 4: *Asking Questions*

Issue 5: *Making Inferences*

Issue 6: *Determining Importance*

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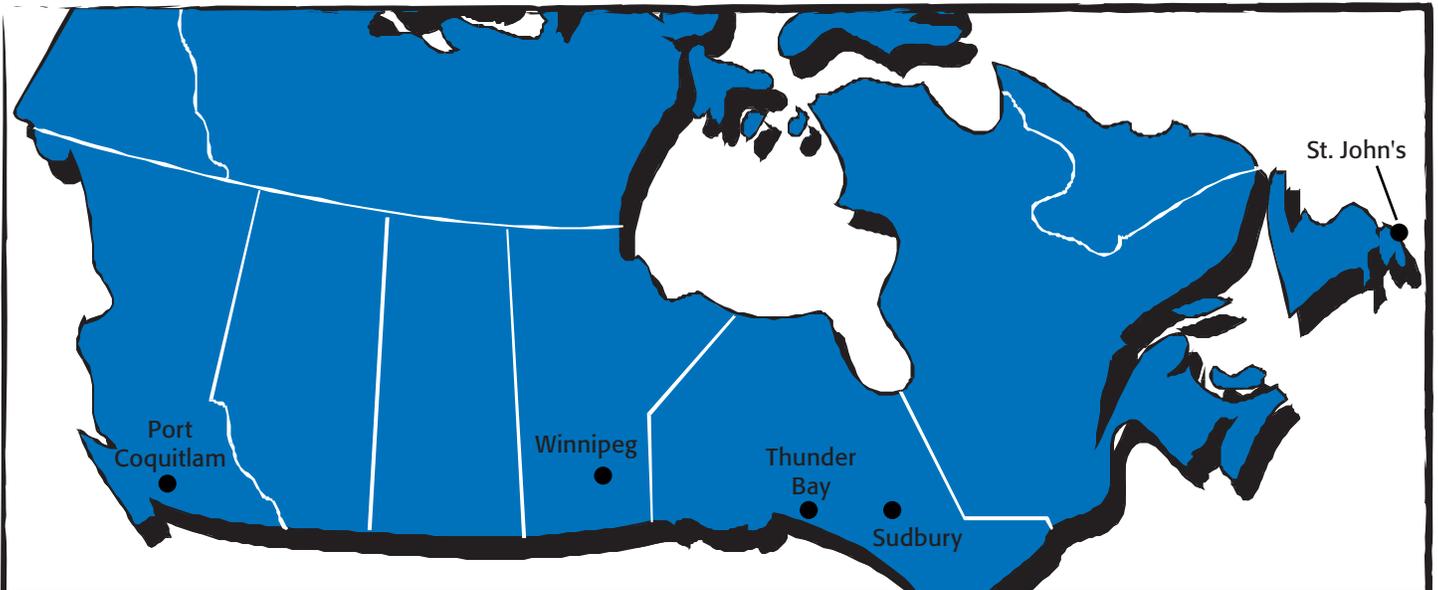
2. **Canadian news stories** – Each of the three articles is leveled and accompanied by Comprehension Check questions, a Language Focus, and a literacy-based lesson plan and supporting materials. Teach the lessons as they are presented, or pick and choose the activities and assignments you'd like to explore with your students.

3. **Did You Know? comic** – This comic provides basic information about a current news story or event, or supports one of the articles with background information. It's a great way to engage reluctant readers and build students' background knowledge in a fun and graphic way.

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The 2021 Terry Fox Run



Remember to wear your gym shoes on September 29. Chances are, you'll be going for a run or a walk on that day. So will everyone else in your school. You'll be taking part in the Terry Fox Run.

This run takes place every September. It is held to raise money for cancer research. It also honours the memory of a very special man: Terry Fox.

Terry was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1958. When he was a child, his family moved to Port Coquitlam, B.C. That's where he grew up.

As a boy, Terry loved sports, especially basketball. He wanted to be a gym teacher one day. But when he was just 18 years old, doctors found out that Terry had bone cancer. They had to **amputate** his leg above his knee.

Did Terry feel sorry for himself because he had an **artificial** leg? No! He felt very lucky. The cancer was gone. Now, he wanted to help others with this disease.

Terry had a plan. He was going to raise money for cancer research. His goal was to raise one dollar for every Canadian. There were 24 million people in our country at that time. He would raise the money by running across Canada.

Terry trained for over a year. Then, on April 12, 1980, he began his Marathon of Hope. He started off

near St. John's, Newfoundland. Every day, he ran about 42 kilometres.

It wasn't easy for Terry. But he was determined. He stuck to his plan.

Sudbury, Ontario was the halfway point in the Marathon of Hope.

Amputate means to cut off a limb. Something that is **artificial** is made to take the place of something natural.



By the time Terry reached this city, his run had really taken off. He had raised \$11.4 million. Large numbers of people were turning out to cheer him on.

Then, bad news: just outside of Thunder Bay, Terry began to feel sick. Doctors found that the cancer had spread to his lungs. He had to stop running. He had to return home for treatment.

Canadians were inspired by what Terry had done. They decided to carry on where Terry had been forced to leave off. Across the country, people continued to raise money in Terry's name. By February 1981, over \$24 million had been collected.

Terry was very happy. His goal had been reached. But sadly, on June 28, he died.

Three months later, on September 13, 1981, the first Terry Fox Run was held. Over 300,000 Canadians took part. This run raised another \$3.5 million.

Since then, the Terry Fox Run has been held every year on the second Sunday after Labour Day. Since 2005, a Terry Fox School Run has also been held about two weeks after the main run. In all, more than \$850 million has been raised to date in Terry's name.

Did you know...?

In all, Terry ran 5,373 kilometres in 143 days during his Marathon of Hope.



As you see it, what is the importance of this story? Why should we care about Terry and the Terry Fox run?

24 million people
in 1981
\$24.17 million
dollars raised
one dollar for every person in Canada

DEAS!

The 2021 Terry Fox Run

Lesson Plan

Before reading:

- Ask students what they already **know** about the Terry Fox run. Record their responses on the board, on chart paper, or on an overhead in the 'What I Know' column of a three-column KWL chart. At the same time, have students copy the data onto their own *KWL Chart* (p. 6).
- Ask students what they **wonder** about the Terry Fox run. Record their responses in the second 'What I Want to Know' column of the KWL chart.

During reading:

- As they read the article, ask students to listen for answers to the questions they posed in the 'What I Want to Know' column of their KWL chart.

After reading:

- Have students work with a partner to complete the 'What I Learned' column of the KWL chart.
- Invite students to share what they learned in a class discussion.

Extension:

- Read the quote by Terry Fox at the top of the *Write It! Graphic Organizer* (p. 7). Ask students to think about dreams they have, and about how they could work to make one of their dreams come true. Then, have students complete the organizer.
- Students could use their completed graphic organizer to write an **acrostic poem**. (Write the letters DREAM down the side of a page. Then, go back to each letter and think of a word, phrase or sentence that starts with that letter and expands on the subject.)
- Criteria:** A good acrostic poem has correct form, content related to the topic, and is free from mechanical errors.

Internet Connection: Students can view footage of the start of Terry Fox's run in St. John's, Newfoundland in 1980 posted on the CBC at: www.cbc.ca/player/play/2671880176

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Write It!

"How many people do something they really believe in? I just wish people would realize that anything's possible if you try. Dreams are made if people try." - *Terry Fox*

Terry had a dream. He planned for it, worked towards it, and made it come true.
What do you dream about doing? Write or draw your thoughts in the clouds below:

These are some of the things I dream about:

This is one dream I'd really like to make come true:

This is how I'm going to make my dream come true:

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Practice It!

Match the prefixes *re-* or *un-* to the root words in the word list to make new words.

re-

un-

rewind

unable

able

done

move

stuck

afraid

fair

pack

train

charge

fund

play

turn

copy

like

run

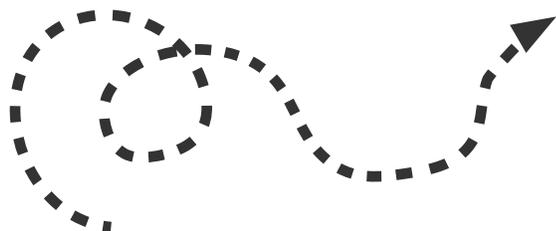
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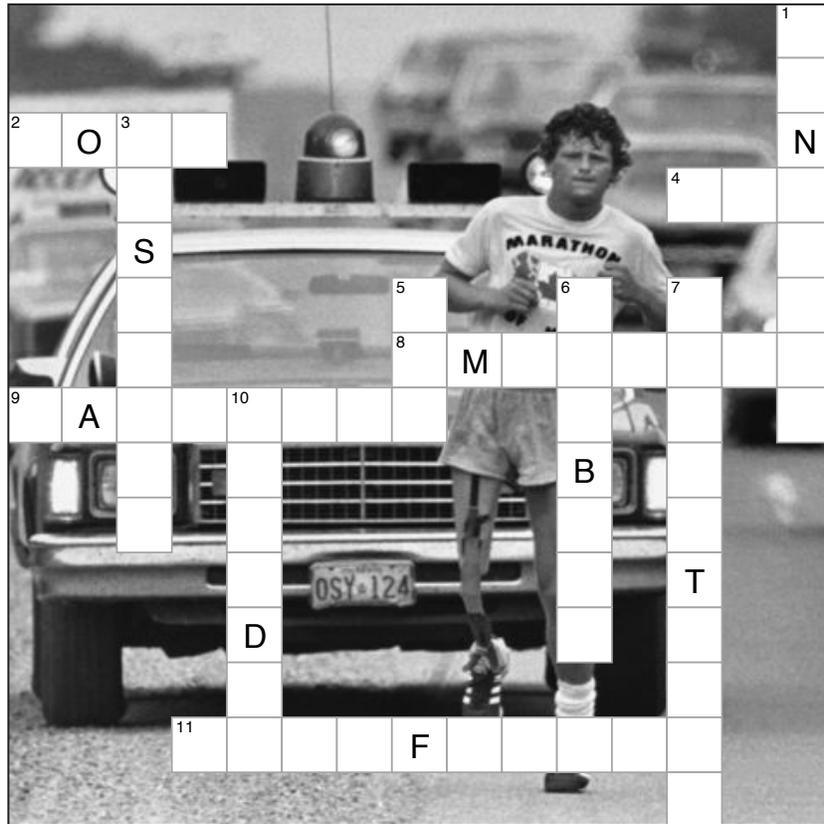
wind



As you see it, how do adding the prefixes *re-* and *un-* change the meaning of words?

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Practice It!



Across

- 2. Terry Fox grew up in _____ Coquitlam
- 4. Terry Fox's _____ started in Newfoundland
- 8. to cut off an arm or leg
- 9. _____ of Hope
- 11. a thing that is made to replace something natural

Down

- 1. Terry Fox was born in this city
- 3. Terry Fox wanted to raise money for cancer _____
- 5. Terry Fox _____ 42 kilometres per day
- 6. half way point of Terry Fox's run
- 7. sport that Terry Fox loved
- 10. Terry Fox's run ended in _____ Bay

The 2021 Terry Fox Run

Practice It!



(https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Terry_Fox_Denkmal.jpg)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Locate the following words in the puzzle above.

Briefly explain the importance of each word on a separate sheet of paper.

- | | | | |
|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| AMPUTATE | COQUITLAM | MARATHON | RUN |
| ARTIFICIAL | FOX | NEWFOUNDLAND | SUDBURY |
| CANCER | INSPIRE | RESEARCH | THUNDER-BAY |

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Terry Fox Run

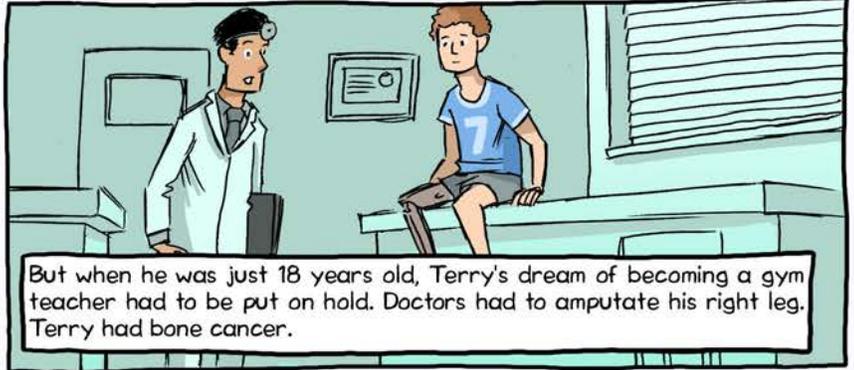


The Terry Fox Run is held across Canada every September to raise money for cancer research.

This event also honours a very special Canadian: Terry Fox.



As a kid growing up in Port Coquitlam, B.C., Terry loved sports.



But when he was just 18 years old, Terry's dream of becoming a gym teacher had to be put on hold. Doctors had to amputate his right leg. Terry had bone cancer.

After the operation, Terry realized that he wanted to help others beat this disease. He decided to raise \$1 for each Canadian living in the country at the time - \$24 million in all - for cancer research by running across Canada.



Terry trained for over a year. Then, on April 12, 1980, he began his Marathon of Hope.

For 143 days Terry ran about 42 kilometres - or one marathon - every day.

THUNDER BAY

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But then, just outside Thunder Bay, Ontario, Terry had to stop. The cancer had come back. He had raised \$11.4 million.

Canadians everywhere were sad for Terry. They decided to keep the Marathon of Hope going by continuing to raise money in his name.



By February 1981, \$24.17 million had been collected! Terry's goal had been reached.

A few months later, Terry died. But this Canadian hero is still making a difference.



Over the years, the Terry Fox run has raised more than \$850 million to help find a cure for cancer.

Map: Marathon of Hope 1980

Complete this map assignment to help you better understand the context of the article *The Terry Fox Run*.

Label the following, then colour:

Provinces/ Territories

- Manitoba
- New Brunswick
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Nova Scotia
- Nunavut
- Ontario
- Prince Edward Island (PEI)
- Quebec

Capital cities

- Charlottetown
- Fredericton
- Ottawa
- Quebec City
- St. John's
- Toronto

Other cities

- Cape-Breton (Sydney)
- Channel-Port aux Basques
- Dartmouth
- London
- Montreal
- Sudbury
- Thunder Bay

Other

- United States

Water bodies

- Atlantic Ocean
- Hudson Bay

Challenge:

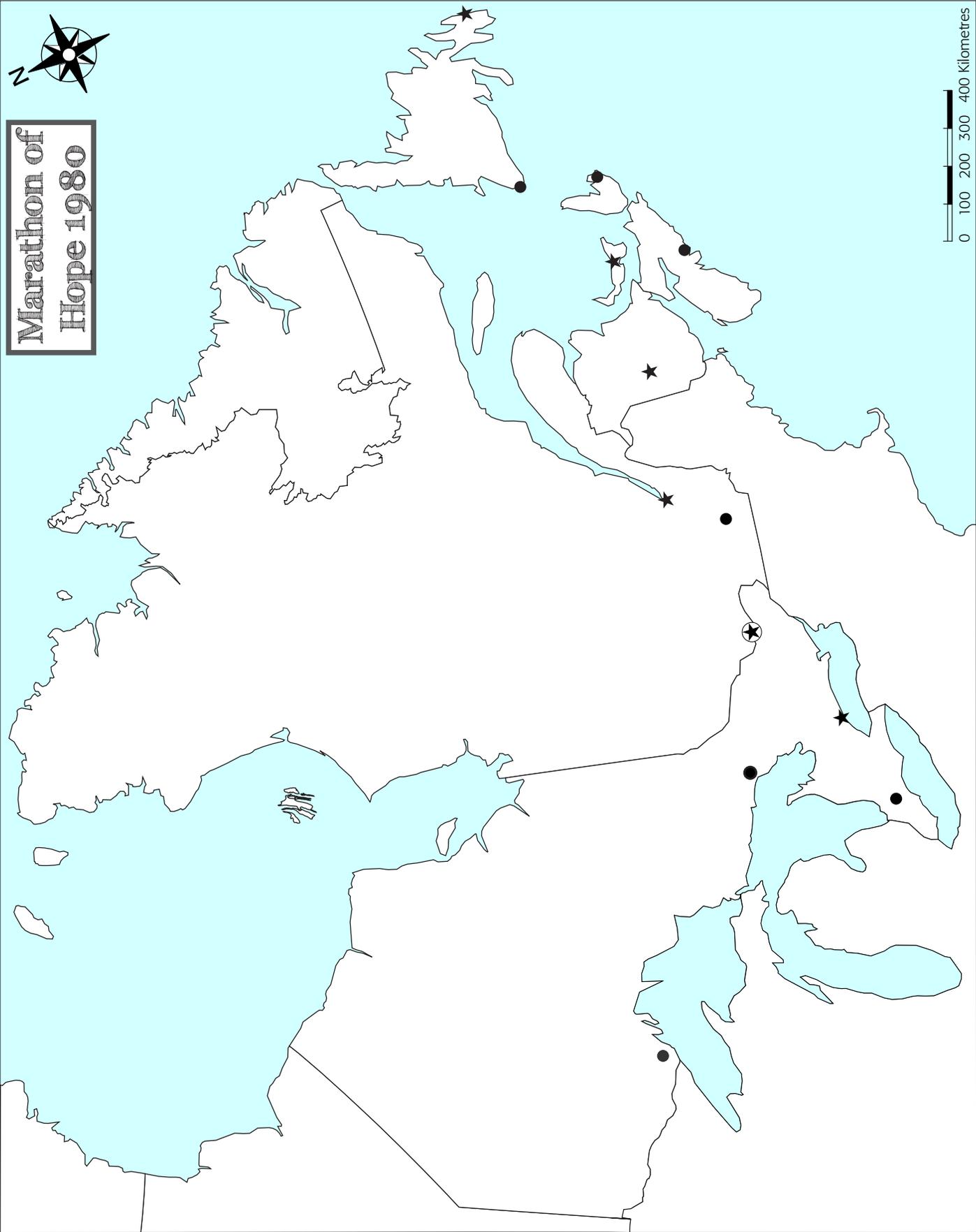
Terry Fox ran 5,373 kilometres between April 12, 1980 and the date that he had to end his run 143 days later – September 1.

Use an online source to trace the route Terry Fox took on his Marathon of Hope run. (See: <https://www.canadiangeographic.ca/article/mapping-terry-foxs-marathon-hope>.)

A good map is complete, accurate, and visually appealing.



**Marathon of
Hope 1980**



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Answer It!

Write the letter of the *best* answer in the space beside each question.

_____ 1. During what month is the Terry Fox run held each year?

- a) August
- b) September
- c) October
- d) June

_____ 2. Where did Terry begin his run to raise money for cancer?

- a) St. John's, Newfoundland
- b) Thunder Bay, Ontario
- c) Victoria, B.C.
- d) Montreal, Quebec

_____ 3. What was Terry's fundraising run called?

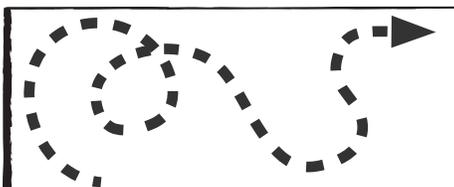
- a) the Golden Marathon
- b) the Marathon of Hope
- c) Run for the Cure
- d) Cops for Cancer

_____ 4. How far did Terry run every day?

- a) about 42 kilometres
- b) exactly 4.2 kilometres
- c) 10 kilometres
- d) 1 kilometre

_____ 5. How much money has been raised over the years in Terry's name?

- a) exactly \$11.4 million
- b) about \$73 million
- c) about \$350 million
- d) more than \$850 million



What is a hero? As you see it, for what reasons could Terry Fox be considered a hero? Explain.

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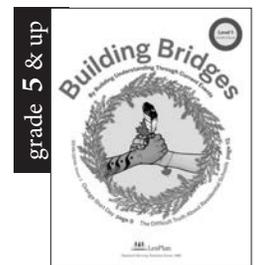
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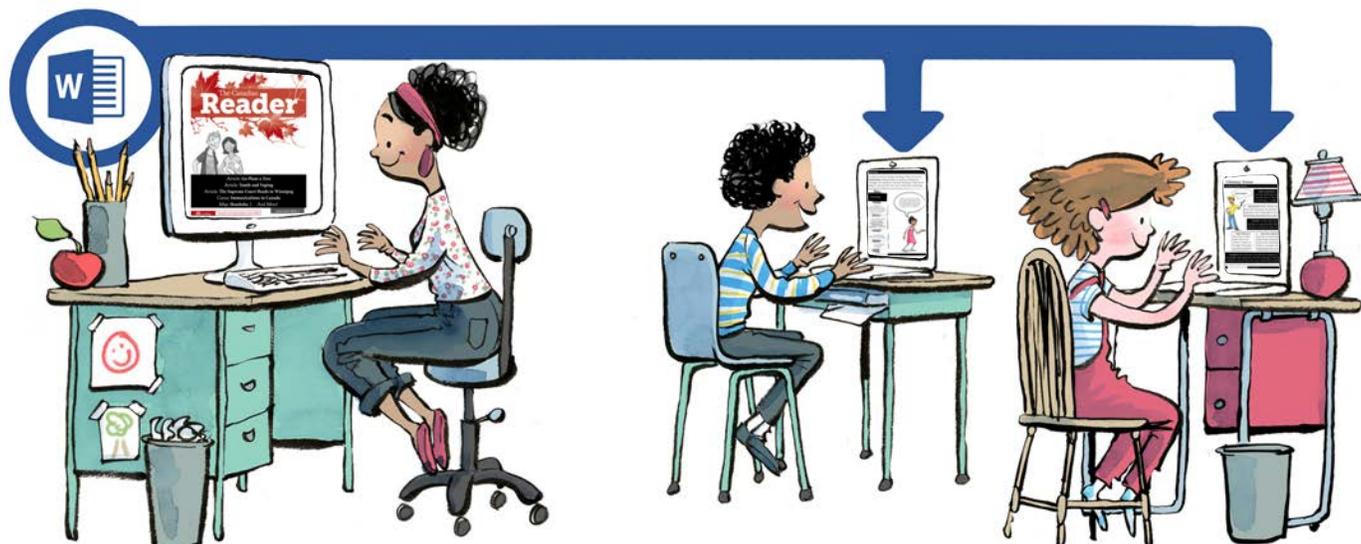
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