

# Sharing his story with your students

## Lesson: Who is Terry Fox?

**Learning Goal:** Through discussion, kindergarten and early primary students will gain an understanding of who Terry Fox was, why he did his Marathon of Hope, and why we do a Terry Fox Walk/Run every year at school and/or within our community. Students will create a poster or page for a class book depicting Terry running across Canada.

### Materials/Media:

- Posters from Terry Fox Foundation
- Books/videos about Terry Fox
- Appendix A: Terry Fox
- Appendix B: Running with Terry
- Paper (to make a poster)
- Crayons, pencil crayons, markers

#### Instructions:

- 1. Talk to students about Terry Fox, who he was and what he did, using pictures, posters, books and/or clips from videos. Discuss that Terry was a young man (18 years old) who developed cancer. After his operation to get rid of the cancer, he wanted to help others, especially children, who had cancer.
- 2. Terry decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research, in order to help find a cure.
- 3. Using Appendix A: Terry Fox or Appendix B: Running with Terry, students draw themself in the picture with Terry running and then colour it. Students should be encouraged to write a message about their picture.

**Extension:** Students may wish to recreate Terry running, using Lego or plasticine or by painting a picture. Using magnetic letter boards or paper and pencil, students may wish to copy Terry's Fox's name as well as other words seen on sample posters.

**Assessment:** Use student responses and level of participation during group and individual discussions to assess students' basic understanding of who Terry Fox was and what he did.

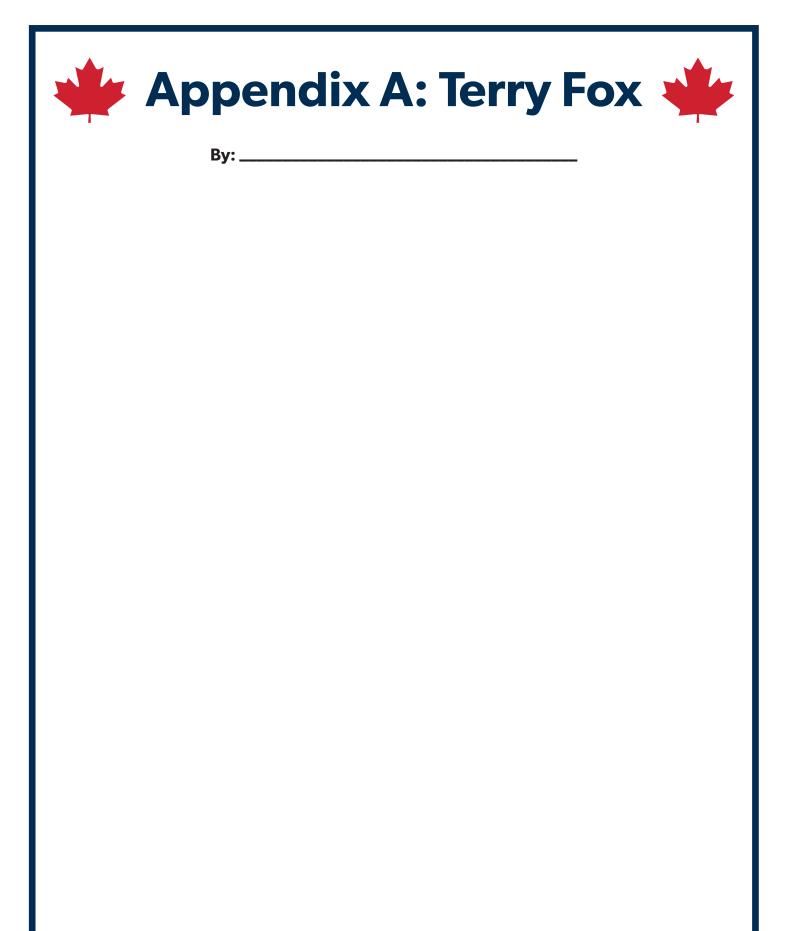
## **Curriculum Expectations:**

Reading:

- Demonstrate understanding and critical awareness of a variety of written materials that are read
- Respond to a variety of materials read aloud to them (e.g., paint, draw or construct models and characters).
- Use illustrations to support comprehension and texts.
- Retell information from non-fiction and materials that have been read by and with the EL–K team in a variety of contexts (e.g., read-alouds, shared reading experiences), using pictures and/or props.
- Communicate ideas verbally and non-verbally about a variety of media materials (e.g., describe feelings in response to seeing a video).

Media

• Produce short media texts for specific purposes and audiences, using a few simple media forms and appropriate conventions and techniques (e.g. a sign or poster for their classroom or the school).



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