Terry Fox was both a Canadian humanitarian, an athlete and a cancer activist, certainly one of Canada’s greatest heroes. He was born on July 28, 1958 in Winnipeg, Manitoba and spent his childhood near Vancouver. Unfortunately, he had bone cancer in 1977, when he was only 19 years old. He had to have his right leg cut off above the knee. He was such a brave young man that in hospital, he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. He called his long journey « the Marathon of Hope ». He wanted to get attention and collect money. He actually managed to raise $1 from each Canadian citizen. (about 35M inhabitants)

It took him 18 months, 5,000 kilometers (3,107 miles) to prepare his long race. Eventually, on April 12, 1980, he left from St John’s, Newfoundland and managed to run 42 kilometers (26 miles) every day through Quebec and Ontario. He stopped running on September 1, 1980 after 143 days and 5,373 kilometers (3,339 miles). Terry Fox died on June 28, 1981. He was 23 years old. In 2005, he was the first Canadian to be portrayed on coins and the Terry Fox dollar was issued to honour this great hero’s memory. Today, the Terry Fox Run is organized around the world every year in order to raise money for cancer research.

Circle the places which concern Terry Fox + draw an arrow showing his race.