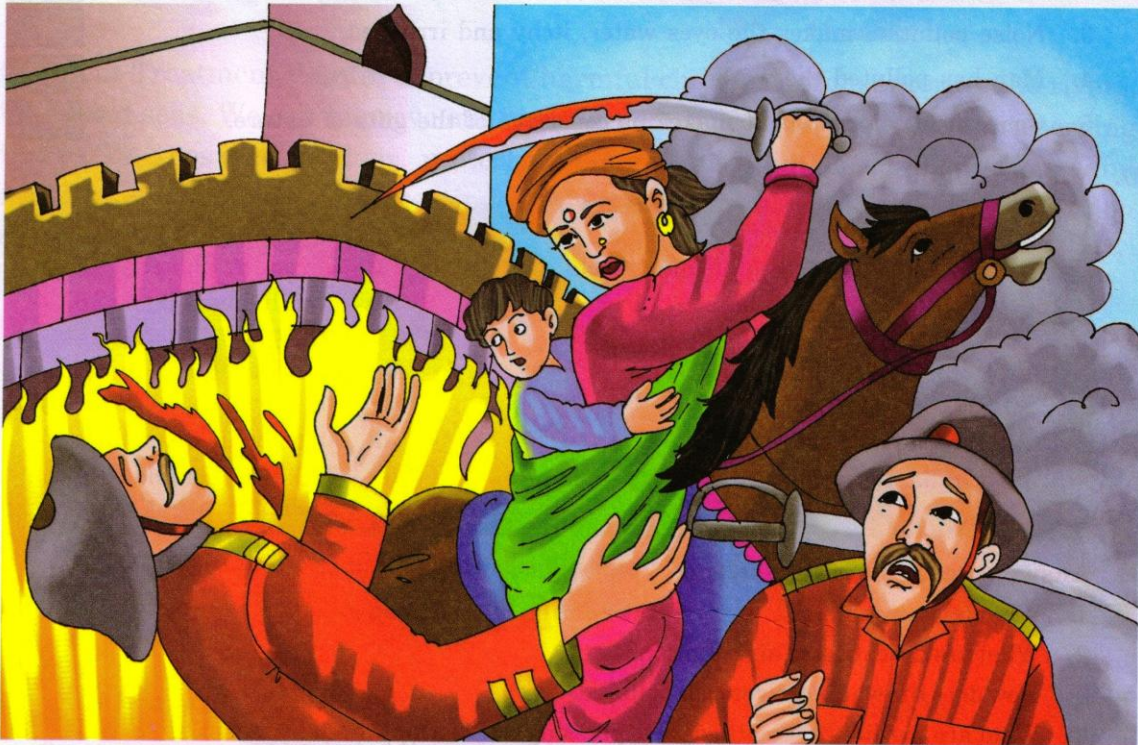


Alferi has rightly said, "Often the test of courage is not to die but to live." Life has many challenges. Every challenge must be faced with courage. Courage is the ability to face strain, danger, difficulties and problems. True courage is linked with deep faith. It motivates us to fight for our principles and values.

Courage originates not from the absence of fear but from the ability to overcome fear. It is the only force that persuades us to meet danger, disaster and mental depression with calmness, poise, quietness and confidence.



Courage is a quality of leadership. It is a mark of greatness. Rani Lakshmbai, an ordinary girl from an ordinary family of a village showed remarkable courage at various times of her lives. By a turn of fortune she became the Queen of Jhansi. Very soon she became a mother of a bonny boy. But unfortunately her son died and soon after, her husband left the world.

Then a notice came from the East India Company that the Company was going to take away her state. The British laid siege to her fort. But Laxmibai put on a soldier's dress and personally took command of the fort. She also inspired the women of Jhansi to take up arms and she created a strong battalion.

At Gwalior, she took over the command of the army. There she again stood to face the famed British General, Sir Hugh Rose. Riding on her horse she fought bravely but an arrow penetrated right through her back from behind. Although she was killed in the battle field, she died fighting against our country's enemy.

In spite of a series of failures, a brave and courageous person takes a hopeful view of things. He comes out brilliantly with flying colours. On the initial steps of failure, he constructs a concrete stairway of success with courage as his tool and hard work and sincerity as the materials. Here is a story of brave Terry Fox.



Terry Fox was born in 1958 in Canada. Later on his family moved to Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. He was an average boy. But he loved challenges. When Terry entered Simon Fraser University something very sad happened. A pain in his right knee had been bothering Terry for weeks. Tests showed that Terry had cancer and he was going to lose his leg. He faced the challenge with courage. After six weeks he was walking with an artificial leg and a cane in his hand.

Once his coach gave him a magazine article about Dick Traum. Dick Traum had an artificial leg but he ran in the New York Marathon. And this set him thinking. Terry decided to run across the whole of Canada and to raise funds for Cancer research.

Terry began to prepare for his marathon. He entered the Prince George marathon. After running 3,000 miles in training, Terry was ready to take up the challenge of running the 5,300 miles race.



Terry started the run on April 12th, 1980. He told reporters on television and newspapers that his challenge was to raise a million dollars for cancer research. Many big companies also helped him in many ways.

As he ran across towns, he had wonderful support from Canadians of all walks of life. The donations kept coming and Terry pounded out the miles no matter how tired he got. But when he was about to reach Thunder Boy, he felt a sharp pain in his chest. This time the cancer was in his lungs and he had to discontinue.

Many famous stars like Elton John, Annie Murray and John Denver sang for him and raised \$ 10.5 million. Terry became the youngest Canadian to receive Canada's highest award, The Companion of The Order of Canada. He died in June 1981 but he remains a symbol of hope and courage to millions throughout the world.

Winston Churchill has said, "Courage is the first of human qualities—it guarantees all others."



SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

1. Courage is the ability to face strain, danger, difficulties and
 (a) solutions (b) problems (c) differences (d) similarities
2. Courage is a of leadership.
 (a) quality (b) quantity (c) type (d) range
3. By a turn of fortune she became the of Jhansi.
 (a) leader (b) ideal (c) Queen (d) member
4. Terry Fox was born in 1958 in
 (a) China (b) Canada (c) India (d) Japan
5. Terry was ready to take up the challenge of running the miles race.
 (a) 2300 (b) 3300 (c) 4300 (d) 5,300

B. Complete the following sentences :

1. Every challenge must be with courage.
2. Courage is the ability to face the, danger, difficulties and problems.
3. Courage originates not from the of fear but from the ability to overcome fear.
4. Courage is a of leadership.
5. Terry remains a symbol of hope and to millions throughout the world.

C. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements:

1. Every challenge must be faced with courage.
2. Rani Laxmibai was an ordinary girl from a rich family of a big city.
3. Courage is the loss of human qualities – it guarantees all others.
4. Terry was ready to take up the challenge of running the 5,300 miles race.
5. Laxmibai put on a soldier's dress and personally took command of the fort.



D. Match the following:

A	B
1. Every challenge must be	(a) for his marathon.
2. The British laid siege	(b) faced with courage.
3. Many famous stars sang	(c) to her fort.
4. Winston Churchill has said	(d) for him and raised \$ 10.5 million
5. Terry began to prepare	(e) Courage is the first of human qualities.

E. Answer the following questions:

1. What is Courage?
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2. How did Rani Laxmibai fight for the country with courage?
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3. Which country did Terry belong to?
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4. What happened when Terry was in the first year of University?
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5. What happened after he read about Dick Traum's life?
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6. What would usually happen when Terry ran through towns?
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7. What are the effects of fear?
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FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

- Write about a time in your life when you were down but did not lose your courage.