

## Marilyn Monroe, America's Tragic **Starlet**

The story of Marilyn Monroe begins on \_\_\_\_\_. Norma Jean, her birth name, was born that day in city of \_\_\_\_\_.

Her mother, Gladys Baker, suffered from **mental problems**. Often the mother had to be **treated** in a hospital for long periods of time. Her daughter was sent to live \_\_\_\_\_.

At age 16 Norma Jean married a **sailor**. But she soon ended that marriage. She changed her hair color from brown to **shining** gold. And she changed her name to Marilyn Monroe. By the time she was 17, Marilyn was trying very hard to be a movie actress. She finally was able to get \_\_\_\_\_ to help her. He got Marilyn parts in some movies.

Marilyn started to change the way she looked after appearing in her first movies. She had plastic surgery to **improve** the appearance of her nose and her eyes were made larger.

In 1952, Marilyn appeared as a **dumb blonde** in "\_\_\_\_\_." Huge successes followed. Between 1953 and 1959 she appeared in lead parts in many popular movies such as "How To Marry a Millionaire," "The Seven Year Itch," "Bus Stop," and "Some Like it Hot," **to name a few**.

In \_\_\_\_\_ she remarried. Her husband was the famous New York baseball player, Joe Di Maggio. They were together for only a few months. Later, she tried again. She married Arthur Miller, \_\_\_\_\_. That marriage ended unhappily after five years.

But success and fame were not enough to make her happy. Things got more difficult for Marilyn as she got older. She gained a lot of weight and she missed work often. She drank too much alcohol and took too many drugs. The **troubles** of her childhood days stayed with her. In 1962, at the age of \_\_\_\_\_, she committed suicide and died alone in her home.

**1) Questions-** Ask your partner questions to find the missing information.

1. When was Marilyn Monroe born?
2. Where was she born?
3. Where was Marilyn Monroe sent to live when her mother was sick?
4. Who helped Marilyn get parts in some movies?
5. What is the name of the movie that made Marilyn famous?
6. When did she remarry?
7. What was Arthur Miller famous for?
8. How old was Marilyn when she died?

## Marilyn Monroe, America's Tragic **Starlet**

The story of Marilyn Monroe begins on June first, 1936. \_\_\_\_\_, her birth name, was born that day in city of Los Angeles, California.

Her mother, \_\_\_\_\_, suffered from **mental problems**. Often the mother had to be **treated** in a hospital for long periods of time. Her daughter was sent to live with many different family members and **foster homes**.

At age 16 Norma Jean married \_\_\_\_\_. But she soon ended that marriage. She changed her hair color from brown to **shining** gold. And she changed her name to Marilyn Monroe. By the time she was 17, Marilyn was trying very hard to be a movie actress. She finally was able to get an **agent** to help her. He got Marilyn parts in some movies.

Marilyn started to change the way she looked after appearing in her first movies. She had plastic surgery to \_\_\_\_\_ and her \_\_\_\_\_.

In 1952, Marilyn appeared as a **dumb blonde** in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." Huge successes followed. Between \_\_\_\_\_ she appeared in lead parts in many popular movies such as "How To Marry a Millionaire," "The Seven Year Itch," "Bus Stop," and "Some Like it Hot," **to name a few**.

In 1954 she remarried. Her husband was \_\_\_\_\_, Joe Di Maggio. They were together for only a few months. Later, she tried again. She married Arthur Miller, a famous **playwright**. That marriage ended unhappily after five years.

But success and fame were not enough to make her happy. Things got more difficult for Marilyn as she got older. She gained \_\_\_\_\_ and she \_\_\_\_\_. She drank too much alcohol and took too many drugs. The **troubles** of her childhood days stayed with her. In \_\_\_\_\_, at the age of thirty-six, she committed suicide and died alone in her home.

**1) Questions-** Ask your partner questions to find the missing information.

1. What was Marilyn Monroe's birth name?
2. What was Marilyn's mother's name?
3. Who did Marilyn marry at age 16?
4. What plastic surgeries did Marilyn Monroe have?
5. When did Marilyn appear in many popular movies?
6. What was Joe Di Maggio famous for?
7. What problems did Marilyn have as she got older?
8. When did she die?

2) **Free Discussion** – Talk to your partner about these questions.

1. Have you or someone you know ever met or seen (in person) a famous person?

Who/Where/When was it? Did you say to him/her? Do anything?

2. Who's your favorite celebrity? Why is he/she famous? Why do you like him/her?

3. What do you think about the paparazzi? Do you ever read gossip magazines/websites?

Why/Why not?

4. Do you ever tell rumors or talk about gossip? What's your favorite subject to gossip about?

Have you ever been hurt by rumors or gossip?

NOTE: There's a small difference between rumors and gossip:

<b>Rumors:</b> Information or a story that has not been verified, you don't know if it's true or false. <b>EX:</b> I heard that students who come to class late will have to pay the teacher \$5 after class.	<b>Gossip:</b> Gossip is talk that is "juicy," it's about subjects that are shocking or personal. <b>EX:</b> Susan said that Danial is going to break up with Jenny next week.
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3) **One Amazing Question.** - You are going to meet your favorite celebrity. Who is it? What question would you ask him/her? You can only ask one question, so make it good!

Write your question: \_\_\_\_\_?

Now, say the name of who you want to meet.

The person to your left is that celebrity and will answer your one amazing question.

4) **Classroom Debate** - The class will be divided into 2 teams, Team **A** and Team **B**. With your team, quickly look at and talk about how to debate your issue. “What should we say about #1?”

Debate about the problems.

“We think that \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.”

“We disagree, we think that \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.”

1) **A)** Celebrities make too much money. *VS* **B)** Celebrities work hard for their money.

2) **A)** There is nothing wrong with the paparazzi. *VS* **B)** The paparazzi should be made illegal.

3) **A)** People should never gossip or tell rumors. *VS* **B)** There's nothing wrong with gossip and rumors.

