

Marilyn Monroe

Ideas Sheet

Additional Topics for Discussion

- [When reading about all the magazines Marilyn Monroe was in] Would your participants enjoy being on the cover of a magazine? Why or why not?
- Do your participants enjoy reading magazines? If so, what kind? Tabloids? Sports? Entertainment? Fishing? Others?
- [When reading about Marilyn Monroe's first job in a factory] Do your participants think working in a factory is a good first job? Why or why not?
- Do your participants consider themselves lucky? Why or why not?

Possible Props (or Photos) to Bring

- Fashion magazines
- Photos of the covers of fashion magazines over the years (find them online)
- Photos other models from the 50's and 60's (Jane Russel, Suzy Parker, Twiggy, etc.)
- Blonde wigs

Music to Play

- [“Diamonds Are a Girl’s Best Friend”](#) (Marilyn Monroe)
- [“Happy Birthday Mr. President”](#) (Marilyn Monroe)
- [“I Wanna Be Loved By You”](#) (Marilyn Monroe)

Experiences Later in the Day

- Make collages with participants using fashion magazines
- Put on a Marilyn Monroe-themed talent show—participants could play the ukulele, sing along to Marilyn songs, wear blonde wigs and do impressions, or even read their favorite Marilyn Monroe quotes
- Create a Wall of Fame by having participants put their handprints and signature into homemade clay molds (i.e. baking soda clay or salt dough) shaped like Hollywood Stars!
- Watch and discuss famous scenes from Marilyn Monroe's movies



Norma Jeane Mortenson was born June 1st, 1926. You probably know her as Marilyn Monroe. While she was known for playing the role of a “dumb blonde” in many of her movies, she was a gifted and intelligent woman. Her impact on American culture continues to this day.