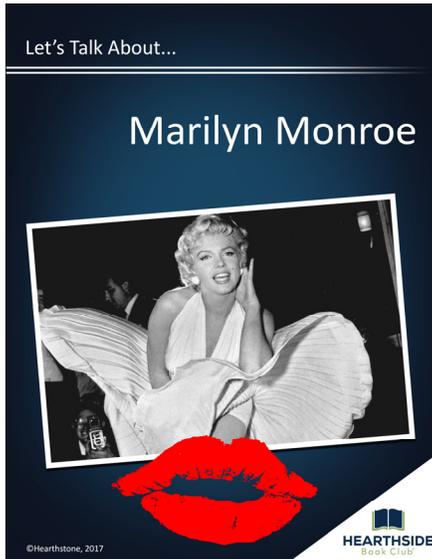


Marilyn Monroe

Ideas Sheet



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.

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*Next Reader,
Please*

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