

L3 Worksheet 1: Sample: Deconstructing the Mona Parsons Story Map

At the Beginning

- born on February 17, 1901, in Middleton, Nova Scotia
- moved to Wolfville
- excelling in music, painting, and expression

Asset (map, photo):

A Day in the Life

- graduated in 1920 with aspirations of becoming a serious dramatic actor
- moved to New York, where she worked as a chorus girl
- returned to her home in Wolfville to tend to her ailing mother.
- returned to New York to study nursing
- 1939 married millionaire Dutch businessman Willem Leonhardt
- honeymoon interrupted by start of war

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And then one day

- May 1940: The Netherlands surrenders to Nazi Germany
- Mona and Willem join Dutch resistance assisting downed Allied airmen
- arrange safe houses, food, clothing and money
- used their home to hide airmen Moir and Pape

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Because of This

- couple in the town of Leiden betrayed the airmen to the Nazi secret police, the Gestapo
- Willem leaves
- Mona arrested by Gestapo
- Dec 21, 1941: sentenced to death but impresses judge with composure who suggests she appeal

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Not only but also

- Mona wins appeal and sentenced to prison in Anrath, Germany
- reunites briefly with Willem, who was captured
- endures hard labour and malnutrition in prison
- Sept 23, 1944 Allied troops advanced rapidly through France and into Belgium and the southern Netherlands
- Mona transferred to Camp 3 at Wiedenbrück
- meets 2 female allies on train to Vetcha Prison

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Moment of truth

- Mona plots escape with friend Wendelien van Boetzelaer
- March 23, 1945, Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery's forces crossed the Rhine River in a massive assault
- Allies bomb Vetcha's airbase
- prisoners released by director to take their chances
- Mona and Wendelien travel 150 km through fighting and wet to the Netherlands
- taken to Canadian unit, the North Nova Scotia Highlanders who were liberating town in the region

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Ever since that day

- Mona and her husband Willem were reunited in Laren
- Mona was presented with citations from General Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces, and from Air Chief Marshall Arthur Tedder of the Royal Air Force, in gratitude for helping Allied airmen evade enemy capture.
- Willem died in 1957 from war injuries
- 1959: Mona returned to Nova Scotia and married Major General Harry Foster
- Mona moves back to Wolfville in 1964 after Harry died.
- Mona died of pneumonia in 1976

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