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## The Marvelous Steve Jobs

Steve Jobs was born on February 24, 1955, in San Francisco, California. He was raised in Mountain View, California, after being adopted by Paul and Clara Jobs. From a youthful age, Jobs showed a natural curiosity and an interest in electronics. Steve Jobs wasn't like the average smart person. Rather than graduating college with a Bachelor's degree, he dropped out of Reed College in Oregon after just one semester to pursue his interests on his own. While this choice seems crazy, it paved the way for his career as an inventor and entrepreneur.

In 1976, together with his friend Steve Wozniak, Steve Jobs co-founded Apple Computer, Inc. in a garage. While it was an absurd idea to the public eye, their main idea was to develop user-friendly computers. As a result, this idea was followed through and Apple began their path within society. Although they were incredibly successful, Jobs ultimately left Apple in 1985 due to conflicts within the company. After his time at Apple, he went on to co-found NeXT Inc. While Jobs' was seen thriving, Apple was struggling which resulted in a need for help. As a result, Apple acquired NeXT in 1997. During Steve Jobs' second term at Apple, numerous of the most notorious products in our consumer electronics history moment were created.

Apple continued to revolutionize the world with the introduction of the iPod, iPad, iPhone, iMac, and much more. The iMac was released in 1998 and set a new standard for personal computers. With the iPod, launched in 2001, and iTunes, customers could easily buy, organize, and listen to music digitally. When it debuted in 2007, the iPhone changed everything. It became the new iPod and iMac in one tiny device. As a result, the smartphone age began. However, after this, Apple did not stop. In the 2010s, newer devices such as the MacBook Air and the Apple Watch were created. Additionally, newer versions of iPhones, iMacs, and laptops come out almost yearly redefining the market annually. A newer tablet device, known as the iPad, also came out revolutionizing the tablet world. Apple, as we know it, began to control electronic consumption throughout the world.

In 2003, Jobs was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. While this type of cancer is incredibly fatal, Jobs continued to innovate new products for eight more years. However, on October 5, 2011, Jobs sadly died due to the complications of his cancer. Although short lived, Steve Jobs lived a tremendous and powerful life. The transformation of Steve Jobs from a college dropout to the co-founder of one of the most valuable corporations in the world was monumental. Without Steve Jobs, much of the applications, ideas, and products would not be here today. Due to his incredible ideas, the world as we know it has grown and reflected. Other

competitors have made similar products and electronics have grown rapidly. His legacy continues to inspire and influence subsequent generations of innovators and engineers.