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About Steve Jobs

Here are some facts and important dates from the life of Steve Jobs, the subject of this opera. A legendary inventor, Jobs was the founder of Apple, Inc. and the creator of devices such as the Macintosh computer and the iPhone.

Fast Facts

Full name: Steven Paul Jobs

Birth date: February 24, 1955

Death date: October 5, 2011

Birth place: San Francisco, California

Father: Adoptive – Paul Jobs, machinist

Mother: Adoptive – Clara (Hagopian) Jobs, accountant

Education: Attended Reed College in Portland, Oregon, 1972

Religion: Zen Buddhism

Important Events

- At about age 12, Jobs asked William Hewlett, co-founder of Hewlett-Packard for some parts to complete a school project. Hewlett offered Jobs an internship at his company.
- Jobs met Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak in high school when Jobs was 13 and Wozniak was 18.
- Although Jobs dropped out of Reed College after one semester, he continued to audit classes including calligraphy and modern dance.
- When he rejoined Apple in 1997, Jobs received an annual salary of \$1.00.
- Jobs tracked down his biological parents Joanne Schieble and Abdulfattah Jandali and discovered that his younger sister is novelist Mona Simpson.

Timeline

1972 – Graduates high school and enters Reed College in Portland, Oregon. Jobs drops out after one semester.

1974 – Takes a job with Atari designing video games, then leaves that same year to travel through India.

1976 – Co-founds Apple in his family's garage with Steve Wozniak and introduces the Apple I computer.

1983 – The Apple Lisa is introduced, a desktop computer purportedly named for his daughter, Lisa.

1984 – Apple introduces the Macintosh.

1985 – Leaves Apple due to disagreements with management. Launches the computer company NeXT.

1986 – Purchases Pixar Animation Studios from George Lucas.

1996 – Rejoins Apple as a consultant.

1997 – Is named interim CEO of Apple.

1998 – Apple introduces the iMac.

2000 – Becomes permanent CEO of Apple.

2001 – Apple introduces the iPod, a portable mp3 player.

2003 – Jobs is diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

July 31, 2004 – Undergoes surgery to remove a tumor related to the cancer.

2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010 – Jobs is named to the Time 100, the magazine's list of the world's 100 most influential people.

April 1, 2006 – Apple celebrates its 30th birthday.

January 9, 2007 – Jobs unveils the iPhone at the Macworld conference.

January 5, 2009 – Writes an open letter to the public dismissing rumors about his health, claiming that his weight loss in the past year is due to a "hormone imbalance."

January 14, 2009 – Announces he will take a medical leave of absence until the end of June 2009.

April 2009 – Jobs undergoes a liver transplant.

June 29, 2009 – Apple spokesman Steve Dowling announces that Jobs has returned to work.

January 27, 2010 – Jobs introduces the iPad. The half-inch-thick, 1.5 pound, 9.7 inch iPad allows users to read books, play games or watch video.

January 2011 – Takes another medical leave of absence.

August 2011 – Apple Inc. and oil company Exxon Mobil jockey for position as the most valuable company in the United States, with market capitalizations between \$345 billion and \$350 billion.

August 24, 2011 – Resigns as CEO of Apple, but announces he will stay on as chairman. Tim Cook is promoted to CEO.

October 5, 2011 – Steve Jobs dies at the age of 56.