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Another in the series of Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom non-fiction text examples to be used in your classroom. Remember, these will be available every MONDAY afternoon that *FarmWeek* is published during the school year.

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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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Or use the article at <https://iaitc.co/monmouthgift>

Use the article titled: Monmouth College receives mammoth $12 million gift

1. Where is Monmouth College located?
2. Describe the donor who left the nearly $12 million gift.
3. Describe the actual gift to the college.
4. What is the value of the land per acre?
5. What will Monmouth College do with a 780 acre farm?
6. What did you find interesting about Marilyn Johnson’s stay at her first college choice, the University of Michigan?

Answers

1. Monmouth College is located Monmouth in Warren County, located in western IL.
2. Marilyn Johnson died at 98, she graduated from Monmouth in 1948 then became an nurse and worked for Mercer County (an adjoining county) hospital for 25 years. She was also a missionary nurses and full time farmer from the Aledo area. (Aledo is located close to Monmouth)
3. Her gift was a 780 acre farm valued at $11.92 million
4. 11, 920,000 divided by 780 is $15,282 per acre
5. The college will continue to farm the land, serving the region and the community. The school has almost 2,000 acres of farmland they currently farm.
6. Answers will vary, but WWII was in full swing when she first went to Michigan, but as she completed a year, it looked like the war would be soon ending, and she (and presumably other females) were asked to leave the school to make way for college-bound in-state WWII returning veterans.