Nell Shipman

These questions can help to guide a student’s viewing of the Nell Shipman biography.

1. Nell Shipman, nee Helen Barham, was born where and in what year?

2. It was not deemed appropriate for pregnant woman to act or be in front of a camera. What did Nell decided to do because of this restriction?

3. What was the name of Nell’s first film, a 2-reeler?

4. After being cast in Outdoor Adventure Stories, what was Nell known as for the rest of her career?

5. What did Nell do to show signs of an independent spirit?

6. How much did the American Releasing Corporation offer Nell for her film? What did she discover when she got back to her hotel?

7. Nell had a complete nervous breakdown following a suicide attempt around Christmas 1924-25. Describe the reasons said to have caused her breakdown.

8. When did Nell die? What did thieves steal from her home the day of her funeral?