

MAKING OLYMPIC HISTORY

Jesse Owens

Replace the missing words.

WIN CONSIDERED WORLD POVERTY BEST
 FINISH GOLD CONGRATULATED GERMANY

In 1936, Jesse Owens became the first American to win four Track and Field Olympic medals in one year.

The fact that he was the grandchild of slaves and that he grew up in _____ make his athletic achievements even more remarkable.

The 1936 Olympic Games took place in Berlin, _____. At that time, Germany's leader was Adolf Hitler, a man who thought Jewish people, black people and other groups of people were inferior to the people of Northern Europe.

Jesse _____ not going to the 1936 games because of Hitler's views. But then he thought it would be a chance for him to show the _____, and Hitler's Nazi



party, what a black man could do.

In his first race, the 100-meter sprint, Jesse Owens crossed the _____ line in 10.3 seconds—a new world record! Instead of inferior, Jesse Owens was the _____ of the best!

While the German people cheered him on, Adolf Hitler never shook Jesse's hand or _____ him.

Jesse went on to win three more gold medals in the 1936 Olympics, making him the first track-and-field star from the United States to win four gold medals at the Olympics. He showed the world that people of any race could _____ based on hard work and dedication, not race.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Why help a competitor?



German athlete, Luz Long, competed against Jesse in the long jump. Even though he was a competitor, it is believed that Luz gave Jesse a tip that helped him win the event with a record-breaking jump of 26 feet, 5 5/16 inches. Luz was the first to congratulate and shake the hand of his new friend.

Why do you think Luz Long helped Jesse?

Kid Scoop Together:

Runner's Run-on Sentence

Wow! The story below is a giant run-on sentence! Work with a family member to fix it by adding punctuation and capital letters where needed.



Roger loves to go for a run every morning he wakes up before the sun rises he always stretches his muscles first and then he heads for his favorite trail that is next to a creek as Roger runs he enjoys seeing the frogs birds and butterflies busily beginning their day on weekends Roger runs with his friend Stacy who lives down the street from Roger they both signed up for the big Midtown Park 10K Fun Run it is being held next Saturday afternoon at 1:00 which attracts thousands of runners from all over the state Stacy and Roger will train for the event while also making sure to eat healthy foods and drink plenty of water while also getting a good night's sleep every night.



Standards Link: Language Art: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.



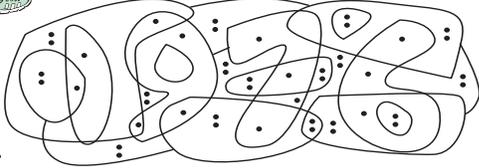
Homecoming

New York City gave Jesse a ticker-tape parade when he came home from the Olympics, but he was still not treated equally in his own country.

"When I came back to my native country, after all the stories about Hitler, I couldn't ride in the front of the bus," Jesse said. "I had to go to the back door. I couldn't live where I wanted. I wasn't invited to shake hands with Hitler, but I wasn't invited to the White House to shake hands with the president, either."

Long-Awaited Honor

40 years later, President Gerald Ford invited Jesse to the White House and gave him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor a civilian can achieve. What year was that? Color the spaces with one dot red.



Jesse went on to win many more awards and he talked to people about the importance of sports, the Olympics and democracy. He never stopped working to be better in his own life and to make lives better for others.

Extra! Extra!

Good Sport

Look through the newspaper for an example of good sportsmanship. Write a sentence summarizing who was a good sport, what they did that showed good sportsmanship, where and when this happened.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

How many differences can you find between these two postage stamps?



Kid Scoop Puzzler

When Jesse was a child in Alabama, white children and black children were not allowed to go to the same school. When he could, Jesse would walk nine miles to and from the only school for black children. He loved school.

When Jesse was in high school, he won races and set world records for his age group. Colleges wanted him to be on their track teams. Jesse became the first person in his family to go to college. He chose Ohio State University, where he became a member of the Buckeye track-and-field team.

Circle every other letter to discover the nickname Jesse earned in college.

S B D U L C Y K R E N Y T E F
 B H U Q L U L C E W T



Double Double Word Search

- COMPETITOR
- DEDICATION
- POVERTY
- GERMANY
- PARADE
- MEDALS
- JESSE
- OWENS
- TRACK
- GAMES
- JUMP
- RACE
- GOLD
- BEST
- WIN

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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T	S	E	B	A	S	K	C	O	A
E	K	S	E	N	C	L	L	R	M
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R	O	T	I	T	E	P	M	O	C
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D	E	D	I	C	A	T	I	O	N

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Write On!

Winter Fitness

Write one or more tips for keeping fit and healthy in winter.

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