

Video #027:	Jesse Owens Biography - A Lasting Legend		
Link:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRS4CQIsxas&t=8s		
Level:	1st / 2nd Bachillerato	Variety:	American

Student name: _____ Group: _____ Date: _____

Objectives:

- historical achievements
- sports vocabulary

BEFORE (10') Activity 1. Complete the following text with words from the box:

nazi · time · proud · leader · history · athletes · race · long · set · black

In the summer of 1936, Jesse Owens joined the best (1) _____ from 50 nations to compete in the Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany. Adolf Hitler was the (2) _____ of Germany. Hitler and his (3) _____ party believed that white people—especially German people—were the best (4) _____ of people on Earth. Until 1936, very few (5) _____ athletes had competed in the Olympics for United States. Owens was (6) _____ to be on the team. He was the first American in the (7) _____ of Olympic track and field events to win 4 Gold Medals in all 4 of the Olympic competitions he entered. In the 100 meter run, he equaled the fastest (8) _____ ever run in that Olympic event. In the (9) _____ jump and the 200 meter run, he (10) _____ new Olympic records. As part of a 4-man team, he set a new world record for the 400 meter relay race. Owens’s Olympic victories made him a hero.

LISTENING (10') Activity 2. Circle True or False:

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| 1. The Berlin Olympic Games were held in August of 1936. | True / False |
| 2. The German athlete was called Luz Long. | True / False |
| 3. Owens was determined to prove that Aryan Superiority was right. | True / False |
| 4. Luz Long and Owens became friends. | True / False |
| 5. Long was killed in World War II. | True / False |
| 6. Owens was born in Alabama in 1912. | True / False |
| 7. In the Elementary school Jesse couldn’t run very fast. | True / False |
| 8. Owens had 2 jobs because scholarships were not available. | True / False |
| 9. Owens won four gold medals and a bronze medal. | True / False |
| 10. Owens proved to Americans and Germans that it is not the race, origin or religion what defines an individual’s excellence. | True / False |

AFTER (10') Activity 3. Answer the following questions. Share the info with your partner.

1. Which Olympians from your country or other countries do you know?
Why are they so famous?

2. Olympic athletes make great effort to reach the highest level of their sports. Would you encourage your children to have a sporting career and aim for the Olympic Games?