

ASSIGNMENT AND NOTES
ENGLISH LITERATURE
CLASS X
My GREATEST OLYMPIC PRIZE
Jesse Owens.

Appropriateness of the title

Jesse Owens won four gold medals in the 1936 Olympic Games held in Berlin, Germany, breaking all past records but Jesse Owens felt that the friend that he has found in Luz Long is more significant than the gold medals he won. He feels that more than the gold medals, he found a true gem in his friendship with Luz Long. Therefore, the title is apt as Jesse Owens finds a great prize in his friendship with Luz Long that burgeoned in the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin when he refers to his friendship as "My Greatest Olympic Prize".

Themes of the Story

1. True sportsmanship.
2. True Friendship.

Setting of the story

Summer Olympic Games of Berlin in Germany in the year 1936 where Jesse Owens wins four gold medals and set many new records.

Style

My Greatest Olympic prize is not an autobiography in the real sense of the term but has autobiographical elements, presenting the facts in a chronological way as is done in an autobiography.

Meanings:

1. Epitome- embodiment.
2. Chiselled- perfectly shaped.
3. A little hot under the collar- angry.
4. Master race- a concept of Nazi ideology in which the Aryan race was assumed superior race in racial hierarchy. Germans and North European people belonged to this class.
5. Sophomore- A student in the second year of high school or college.
6. Der Fuhrer- Political title given to Hitler, meaning the leader.
7. 24 carat friendship- carat is a term that describes the purity of gold. 24 carat gold is pure gold without any traces of other metals. Owens felt that Luz Long's friendship was true and pure.

Assignment.

- Q1. Why were nationalistic feeling high during the Olympic Games?[4]
- Q2. What was the theory of Aryan supremacy?[4]
- Q3. "I was no exception". Explain what Owens meant by this?[4]
- Q4. How did Luz Long help Jesse Owens?[4]
- Q5. Why was Owens expected to win the gold medal in the long jump hands down?[4]
- Q6. How did Luz and Owens perform in the finals?[4]
- Q7. What is the true spirit of the Olympic Games according to coubertin?[4]
- Q8. what is referred to as 24 carat friendship in this story?[4]
- Q9. What was Jesse's greatest Olympic prize?[4]
- Q10. Describe the character sketch of
- (a) Jesse Owens [8]
 - (b) Luz Long [8]

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