

Jesse Owens



Ready, set, go! Running a race is hard, but winning a race can be both challenging and extremely rewarding. A runner and Olympic gold medalist named Jesse Owens once changed the face of running forever. His story is

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row. In Jesse's senior year of high school, he ran at the National Interscholastic Meet in Chicago. To his delight, Jesse set a world record. He ran the 100-yard dash in only 9.4 seconds. He ended up earning the nickname "Buckeye Bullet" during his high school runs. This was because of the Ohio State mascot, which was the buckeye.

These high school runs paved the way for Jesse Owens to move on to bigger, more well-known races. Jesse set his sights on the Olympics. Could he make it?

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In 1935, Jesse prepared to run at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in the Big Ten Championships. These competitions would help determine if he could make it to the Olympics.

Jesse Owens went on to Berlin, Germany, in 1936 to compete in the Olympic Games. There he participated in several events. He did a 100-meter dash, a

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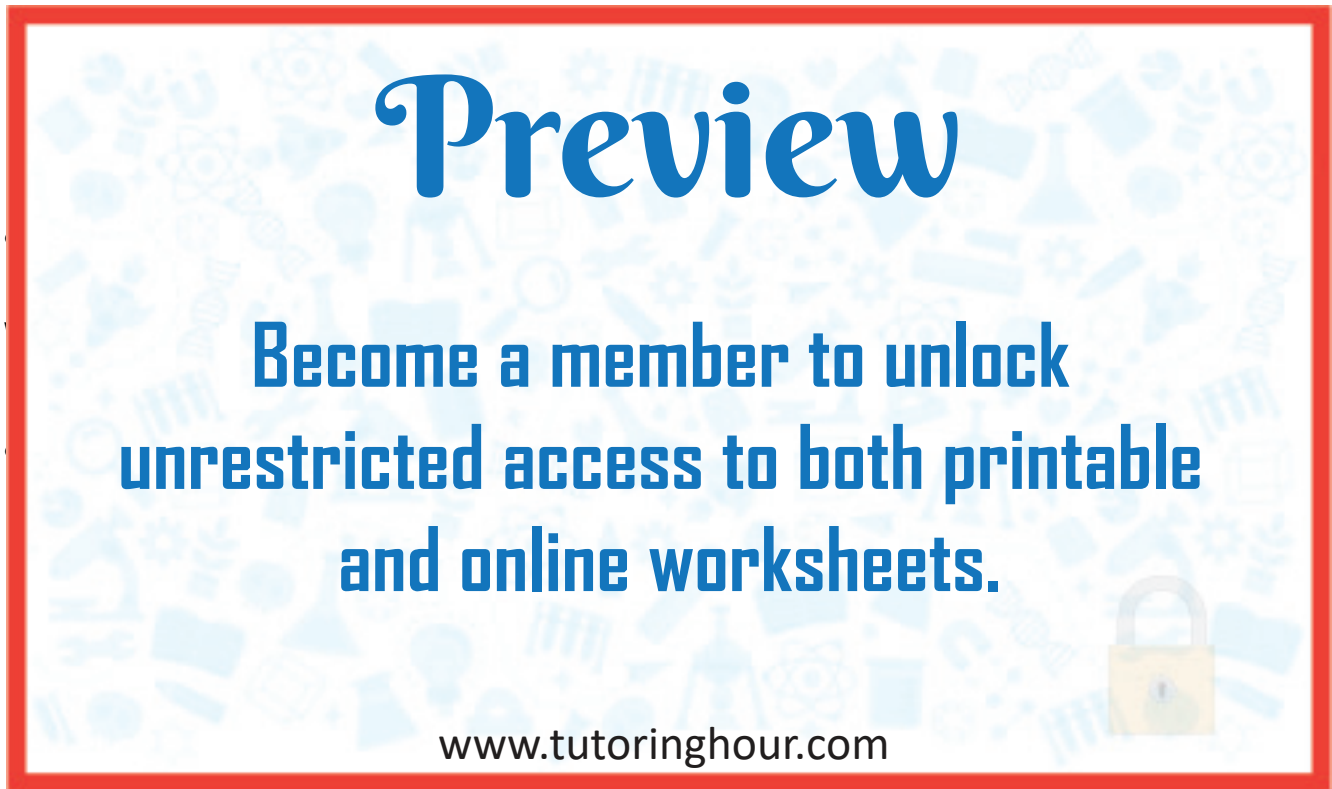
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1) Where did Jesse first begin racing?

- a) Chicago
- b) Michigan
- c) Ohio

2)



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3) How did James Cleveland become Jesse Owens?

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4) Match each cause to its effect.

Causes

Jesse set a world record by running the 100-yard dash in 9.4 seconds. •

Effects

• Jesse set his sights on the Olympics.

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a) compare

b) contrast