**1936: The Nazi Olympics**

1. Germany’s hosting of the 1936 Olympics posed a dilemma for many countries because of

a. the loss of many athletes in World War II

b. Hitler’s anti-Semitic rhetoric and policies

c. rising anti-Communist sentiments worldwide.

d. rising fuel costs that made it expensive to send teams to Berlin

2. Germany was selected to host the 1936 Games

a. several years earlier, when it had a democratic government

b. without consent o the International Olympic Committee

c. to showcase the booming economy under the Nazi regime

d. after Tokyo turned down a bid to host

3. To leave a good impression on foreign visitors, Hitler

a. featured many Jewish athletes on the German team

b. shook hands with every winning athlete

c. reinstated the right of Jews to own businesses

d. ordered all anti-Semitic signs removed for the games.

4. Ironically, the star of the Berlin Olympics was African-American\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ star Jesse Owens

a. track-and-field

b. swimming

c. soccer

d. baseball

How did the German government use the Games as propaganda? What was Hitler trying to convey to the rest of the world? How successful was he?

Why do you think so many countries participated in the Olympics knowing Germany’s poor human rights record?

What was significant about the wins Owens earned? What irony involving his Olympic triumph did Owens later write about? (use back of this sheet to answer)