

Jackie Joyner-Kersey  
Renowned Olympian

1. Where did Jackie Joyner-Kersey grow up?

- A. Chicago, Illinois
- B. Los Angeles, California
- C. East St. Louis, Illinois
- D. Atlanta, Georgia

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What inspired Jackie Joyner-Kersey to start her foundation?

- A. Winning her first Olympic medal
- B. The closure of a community center she grew up in
- C. The advice of her coach
- D. A school project

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. At what age did Jackie decide she wanted to be an athlete?

- A. 14
- B. 12
- C. 9
- D. 10

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Who was Jackie Joyner-Kersey's main rival during her career?

- A. Florence Griffith Joyner
- B. Heike Drechsler
- C. Gail Devers
- D. Marion Jones

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What did Jackie Joyner-Kersey say helped her focus during competitions?

- A. Meditation
- B. Butterflies (nervousness)
- C. Listening to music
- D. Talking to her coach

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other sport did Jackie Joyner-Kersey earn a scholarship for at UCLA?

- A. Soccer
- B. Volleyball
- C. Basketball
- D. Tennis

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is one of Jackie Joyner-Kersey's proudest achievements?

- A. Setting a world record
- B. Winning an Olympic gold medal
- C. Graduating from college
- D. Both B and C

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Written Response Questions\*\***

8. Describe the impact of the community center on Jackie Joyner-Kersey's early life and her motivation to start her own foundation.

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9. Explain the significance of having a rival like Heike Drechsler for Jackie Joyner-Kersey and how it influenced her athletic career.

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10. Discuss the balance between athletics and academics that Jackie Joyner-Kersey maintained and how it shaped her path to success.

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