



1936 Berlin Olympics

Critical Thinking & Discussion Questions

Why were Hitler and Germany so interested in the concept of an “Aryan” race? What is eugenics?
Is eugenics an issue in any current topics of discussion?

What were the Nuremberg Laws? How were they implemented?
After WWII, what happened to the German leaders at the Nuremberg Trials?

Why did the Americans refuse to dip the flag to Hitler during the opening ceremony of the Olympic games? Is that ritual still in practice at recent Olympic events?

Why were the American Jewish runners benched during the 1936 games?
Should the American coaches have left the original relay squad intact?