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FAMOUS OLYMPIANS

FLORENCE GRIFFITH JOYNER

DIRECTIONS: Read the short biography of Florence Griffith Joyner, then answer the questions that follow.

Florence Griffith was born in Los Angeles, California in 1959. She began running on the track team early in her life. In high school, she ran with the relay team that posted the fastest time in the nation that year.

In 1984, Florence won the silver medal for the 200 meters in the Olympics in Los Angeles. In 1987, she married Al Joyner, also an Olympic star.

In the 1988 Olympics in South Korea, Florence became known by her nickname, “Flo-Jo.” She won three gold medals and a silver medal. She broke one Olympic record and one world record during the games. Many people consider her the fastest woman of all time.

Florence received many awards, including the award for best amateur athlete from the American Athletic Union and the United Press International Athlete of the Year. She retired from sports after the 1988 Olympics.

QUESTIONS

1. What was Florence’s nickname?

2. What did Florence win in the 1984 Olympics?

3. How many gold medals did Florence win?

4. When was Florence born?

OLYMPIC ACHIEVEMENTS

COUNTRY

United States

SPORT

Track and field

YEAR

1984 Summer Olympics,
Los Angeles

SILVER MEDAL

200 meters

YEAR

1988 Summer Olympics,
Seoul, South Korea

GOLD MEDAL

100 meters

200 meters

4x100 meters relay

SILVER MEDAL

4x400 meters relay

SECRET CODE WORD

Use the secret code to find a word about Florence Griffith Joyner. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.



SECRET CODE

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