

Eric Liddell | Worksheet



Use the Sports Legends Biography “Eric Liddell” to answer the following.

Part 1: Quick Facts

Year of Birth and Location: _____

Chosen Sport: _____

Facts about Liddell: Write one fact for each of the following sections.

- Early Life:

- Athletic Achievements:

- Faith and Integrity:

- Missionary Work:

Part 2: Vocabulary Words - Choose three words from the Glossary on p. 22 to define.

1. _____: _____

2. _____: _____

3. _____: _____

Part 3: Reading Comprehension

1. What made Eric Liddell change his Olympic racing events from the ones he was best at to ones he was less experienced in?

2. Name which event Liddell won the gold medal in and which event he won the bronze.



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3. While in the internment camp, Eric Liddell helped others in many ways. Describe some of the things he did to support and encourage the people around him. You can think about how he helped different groups, such as children, fellow prisoners, and the elderly.

Part 4: Discussion & Critical Thinking

1. Liddell was a gifted athlete who excelled at many things, but he never bragged about his abilities. Why is it a virtue to stay humble even when you are really good at something?

2. Liddell had a very strong sense of purpose and integrity. What do you think helped him to be such a strong and good person, even in the most difficult situations?

Part 5: Creative Corner

Instructions: Think about a time when you had to make a difficult decision because of your beliefs, just like Eric Liddell did when he decided not to run on a Sunday. Write a short description of that experience. Here are some questions to help you think:

- What was the situation?
- Why was it important to you?
- What did you decide to do?
- What happened afterward?

Your Story:

Guess or Mess Episode Play Along:

1. Where was Eric Liddell born?
 - A. China
 - B. Scotland
 - C. France

2. Because of his Christian faith, Liddell decided not to compete in races on which day of the week?

3. As Liddell prepared for the biggest race of his life at the 1924 Olympics, what did a worker hand to him?
 - A. A pair of running shoes
 - B. A note with a Bible passage
 - C. A Scottish flag

4. Eric Liddell took home a gold medal in which track event?
 - A. 100-meter hurdles
 - B. 4x100-meter relay
 - C. 400-meter sprint

5. When asked about his strategy for the 400-meter race, Liddell said, "I run the first 200 meters as hard as I can. Then, for the second 200 meters, with God's help, I

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6. After his Olympic triumphs in 1924, what did Liddell do with his life?
 - A. Coached runners
 - B. Trained for the 1928 Olympics
 - C. Served as a missionary

7. What happened to Liddell when Japanese troops reached his town in 1943 during WWII?
 - A. He was imprisoned.
 - B. He fought the Japanese.
 - C. He flew to Canada.

8. In 1945, Eric Liddell died at the age of 43. What was the cause of his death?
 - A. Pneumonia
 - B. A brain tumor
 - C. A battle wound

Patriot Pop Quiz:

1. Which country gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States as a gift?
 - A. England
 - B. France
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2. In which U.S. state was gold discovered at Sutter's Mill in 1848?
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Eric Liddell | Answer Key

Part 1: Quick Facts

Year of Birth and Location: **January 16, 1902, in Tientsin, China**

Chosen Sport: **Running 100-meter, 200-meter, and 400-meter races**

Facts about Liddell: Write one fact for each of the following sections.

Accept reasonable answers. The following are examples.

Early Life:

- **Born to Scottish missionary parents in China and moved to Scotland for school.**

Athletic Achievements:

- **Won the gold in the 400-meter race and the bronze in the 200-meter race at the 1924 Olympics.**

Faith and Integrity:

- **Refused to run the 100-meter race at the Olympics because it was scheduled on Sunday, honoring his religious beliefs.**

Missionary Work:

- **Returned to China to continue his parents' missionary work, helping people even after the Japanese invasion in WWII.**

Part 2: Vocabulary Words - Choose three words from the Glossary on p. 22 to define.

Accept words taken from page 22. The following are examples.

1. **Missionary: a person who teaches and promotes Christianity in foreign countries.**
2. **Parable: a story that teaches a moral or lesson.**
3. **Internment Camp: a place where a government imprisons people considered suspicious in a time of war.**

Part 3: Reading Comprehension:

1. What made Eric Liddell change his Olympic racing events from the ones he was best at to ones he was less experienced in?

(Example Answer): Eric Liddell changed his events because the 100-meter race, which he was best at, was scheduled on a Sunday, and he refused to compete on the Sabbath due to his religious beliefs.

2. Name which event Liddell won the gold medal in and which event he won the bronze.

Eric Liddell won the gold medal in the 400-meter race and the bronze medal in the 200-meter race.

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(Example Answer): Eric Liddell taught children about sports and science, created chemistry textbooks, led religious services, and helped the elderly and sick with food and medical needs.

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(Example Answer): Staying humble shows respect for others, allows people to appreciate your achievements without feeling overshadowed, and helps build strong, positive relationships. It also reflects good character and maturity.

2. Liddell had a very strong sense of purpose and integrity. What do you think helped him to be such a strong and good person, even in the most difficult situations?

(Example Answer): Eric's strong Christian faith, his upbringing by missionary parents, and his commitment to his beliefs helped him remain strong and maintain his integrity, even in the most challenging circumstances.

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Your Story:

(Example Answer) One time, I had to decide whether to join my friends in an activity that I knew was against the rules at school. It was important to me because I wanted to do what was right and not get into trouble. I decided not to join them and instead explained why it was a bad idea. Although my friends were initially upset, they later understood and appreciated my honesty. We found a different, fun activity to do together that didn't break any rules.

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