

DETERMINED WOMEN

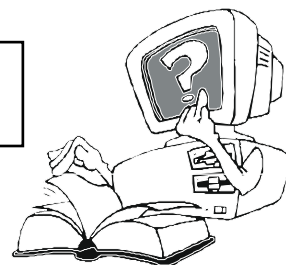
Leslie not only beat Jess, the fastest runner in the school, in a race, but she taught Jess that it is possible to overcome any problem with determination and courage.

A modern track star who holds the same beliefs is Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Olympic champion.

Visit the web site for Jackie Joyner-Kersey. Read about the difficulties she had to overcome as well as her achievements.

Create a **FORTUNATELY, UNFORTUNATELY** report that indicates how she solved problems and overcame obstacles.

JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jackie_Joyner-Kersey



FORTUNATELY Jackie's father encouraged her to become an athlete.

UNFORTUNATELY her mother died of spinal meningitis in 1982.

FORTUNATELY Jackie excelled in basketball in high school.

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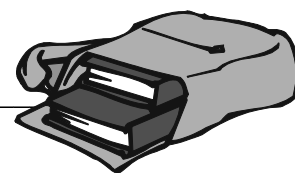
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TO THINK ABOUT

What similarities do you see between Leslie and Jackie Joyner-Kersey?



Good Reading

50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet by Dennis Denenberg and Lorraine Roscoe. Lerner Publications. 2005.

Jackie Joyner-Kersey: Superwoman by Margaret J. Goldstein and Jennifer Larson. Lerner Sports. 1994.