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## Six Minutes in Berlin

1. What sport were the Americans dominating at the 1936 Olympics? (Provide examples)  
Which sport were the Germans dominating?
2. Who was in attendance for the final rowing event? What was the expected outcome?
3. What was wrong with the American Crew team before the race? What about their journey to Germany caused this?
4. What does the story of the 1936 Olympics remain focused on?
5. How did the 1936 Olympics “inaugurate the era of the modern Olympiad?”
6. Why were Americans able to listen on the radio to the Olympics live for the first time?  
Why hadn’t they been able to in the past?
7. What school was the US rowing team from? Why had the team almost not been able to go to Berlin? How was this situation resolved?
8. What did the team say LGB stood for? What did it really stand for?
9. What made the Husky performance in races intimidating?

10. What social class were the UW rowers from? What is this worth noting for a rowing team? How did some of these athletes pay their tuition for UW?
11. What happened during the qualifying race?
12. Describe the events of the final race.
13. Why was filming the day of the final race a disaster for Leni Riefensthal? What pieces of propaganda were added into the final film about the race?
14. Describe Bill Henry's telling of the sprint, which was airing live on the radio, of the final race. What emotions are present in the excerpt?
15. What was the final result of the race?
16. What was Hitler's reaction to the US victory? What did the German broadcaster say about the race and results?
17. What is your reaction to the story? Have you heard of it before? Why or why not?
18. This race is described as the greatest Olympic race you've never heard of and the team has been described as one of the greatest Olympic teams. Why do you think this race has largely been forgotten compared to other stories from the 1936 Berlin Olympics?