



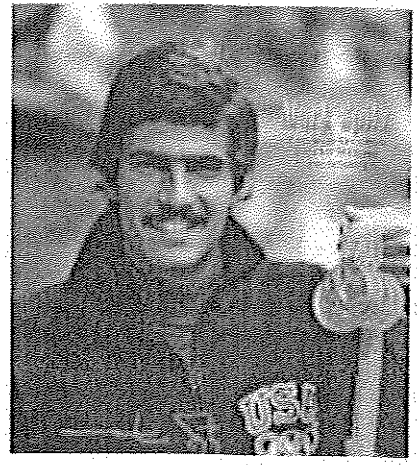
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## Swimming Star

By Jody Williams

Many children take swimming lessons. Some children are afraid of the water. Others like the water. Most children start by blowing bubbles. This gets them used to the water. Then, they learn to move their arms. They learn to kick their legs. Soon, they can swim from their swim teacher to the wall. Then, the big day arrives. Children jump off of the diving board or side of the pool. They swim across the pool without help. They have become swimmers.



Experts say that Mark Spitz is one of the greatest swimmers of all time. He was born on February 10, 1950. He was born in California. His family moved to Hawaii when he was two years old. His dad taught him how to swim. His family moved back to California. Mark swam in races. He was good.

When Mark was nine years old, he started training. He wanted to become a great swimmer. Between the ages of 10 and 16, he won many races. He set records. In 1967, he swam in the Pan American Games. The Pan American Games are held every four years. They are similar to the Olympics. Only countries in the Western Hemisphere compete in the Pan American Games. The Olympic Games are for athletes from all over the world. Mark Spitz won five gold medals at the Pan American Games.

In 1968, Mark Spitz went to the Olympics. The games were in Mexico City. He won two gold medals. He was disappointed. He wanted to do better. Mark Spitz's dad told him "Swimming is not everything; winning is." He wanted to win more medals.

Mark decided to enter college. He went to Indiana University. He picked I.U. because there was a great swim coach there. His name was Doc Counsilman. Mark swam at Indiana. He won many awards. He was named World Swimmer of the Year three times. Mark also took classes to become a dentist. He graduated in 1972.

Mark tried the Olympics again. The 1972 games were in Munich, Germany. Germany is a country in Europe. Mark won seven gold medals. He set a world record in each event he swam. Many people thought he was a hero. After the Olympics, Mark decided to stop swimming. He was 22 years old.

Companies wanted Mark to use their products. He made commercials. He was in ads in magazines. He did milk ads. He did razor ads. He did ad for swim suits. Mark Spitz made millions of dollars. Then, it all stopped. He was not popular anymore.

Many people ask Mark if he still swims. He tried out for the 1992 Olympics. He was 41 years old. He did not make it.

Today, Mark Spitz lives in California. He has a wife. He has two sons. He likes to travel. He likes to sail. Today, swimming is not everything.

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## Questions

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\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Who was born on February 10, 1950?

- A. Tiger Woods
- B. Mark Spitz
- C. Peyton Manning
- D. Sammy Sosa

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Who taught Mark Spitz how to swim?

- A. his mom
- B. a swim teacher at the YMCA
- C. his dad
- D. a surfer in Hawaii

3. What is different about the Pan American Games and the Olympics?

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\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Mark Spitz did not do as well as he hoped during the 1968 Olympics.

- A. true
- B. false

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Where did Mark Spitz go to college?

- A. State University
- B. Purdue University
- C. Indiana University
- D. Notre Dame

6. Besides a great swimmer, what did Mark Spitz want to be after college?

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\_\_\_\_\_ 7. How many gold medals did Mark Spitz win in the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Germany?

- A. 7 gold medals
- B. 8 gold medals
- C. 10 gold medals
- D. 5 gold medals

8. When did Mark Spitz stop swimming?

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. What kind of ads did Mark Spitz do after the Olympics?
- A. milk ads
  - B. razor ads
  - C. swim suit ads
  - D. all of the above

10. What did Mark Spitz do when he was 41 years old?

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**Mark Spitz's dad told him "Swimming is not everything; winning is." What do you think about that?**

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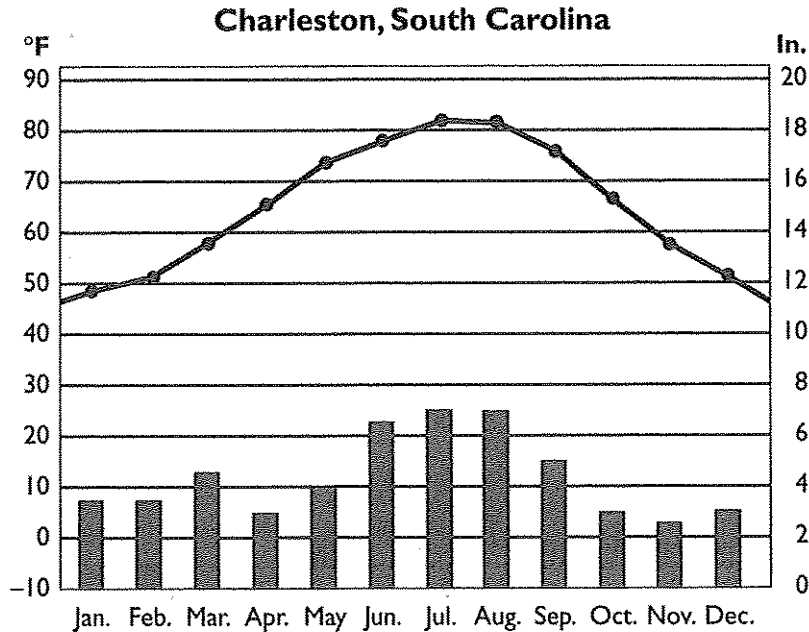
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**D. Skill: Using Geography Graphs**

*Directions:* Use the graph below to answer the following questions. Write your answers in the blanks provided. (25 points)



17. What is the coldest month of the year in Charleston? What is the hottest?

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18. Which months have the most precipitation in Charleston? Which month has the least?

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19. What appears to be the relationship between temperature and precipitation in Charleston?

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20. Between which months does the greatest increase in precipitation occur?

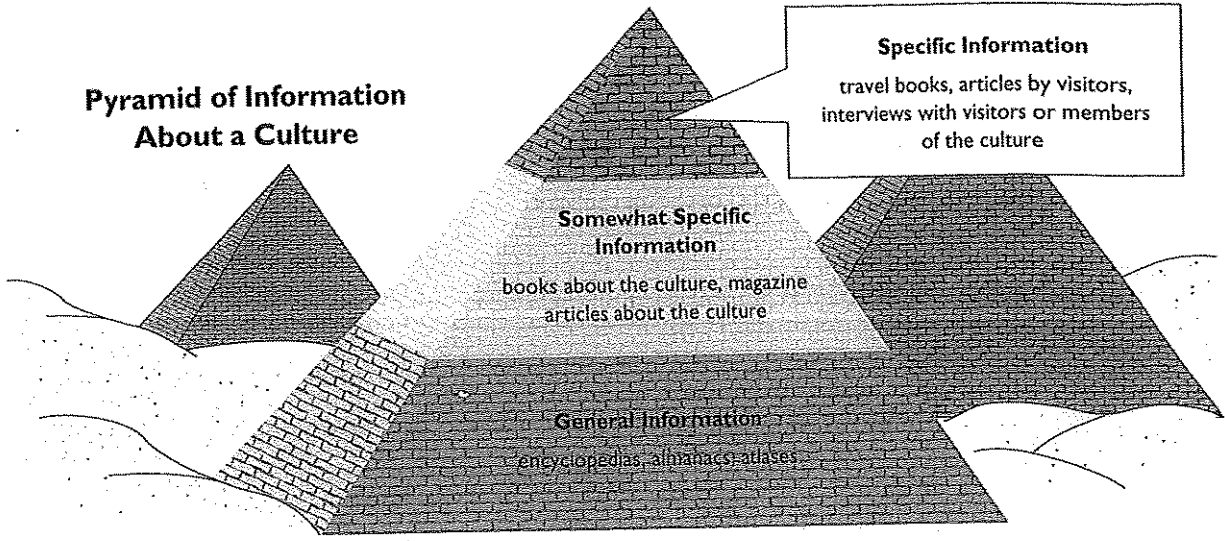
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21. According to this graph, how would you describe Charleston's climate—as moderate or polar?

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**D. Skill: Locating Information**

*Directions:* Imagine that you are writing a report about Senegal. Refer to the pyramid of knowledge below to answer the following questions in the blanks provided. (25 points)



17. Where on the pyramid would you put information that you found in an atlas?

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18. Where would you put information you got from people who had lived in or visited Senegal? Why?

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19. From what kinds of sources would you get information to put in the middle level of the pyramid?

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20. Which level of the pyramid would provide the information you would use in the final stages of preparing your report? Why?

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21. In general, how do you think the pyramid of knowledge can help you with your schoolwork?

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