

Long Jump: men

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Here are some of the most famous long jump winners.

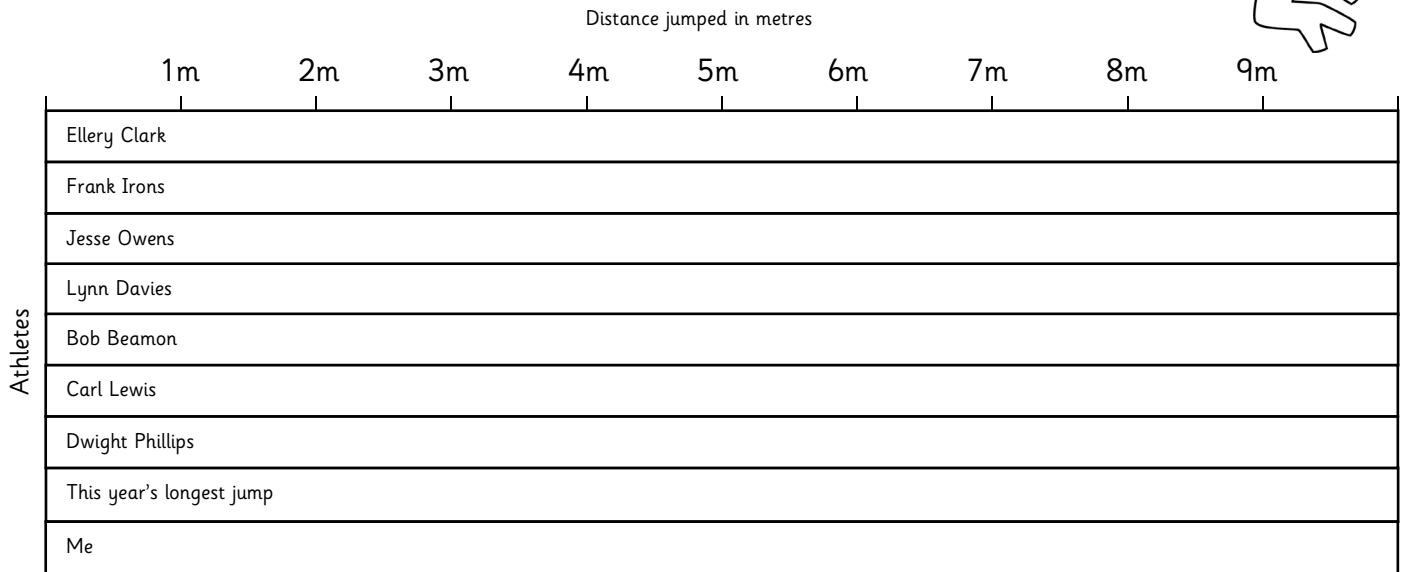
Year	City	Name	Country	Distance
1896	Athens	Ellery Clark	USA	6.35 m
1908	London	Frank Irons	USA	7.48 m
1936	Berlin	Jesse Owens	USA	8.06 m
1964	Tokyo	Lynn Davies	GB	8.07 m
1968	Mexico City	Bob Beamon	USA	8.90 m
1988	Seoul	Carl Lewis	USA	8.72 m
2004	Athens	Dwight Phillips	USA	8.59 m

1. The USA like winning the long jump. Who is the only non-USA athlete on this table of long jump winners?
2. How much further did Jesse Owens jump than Ellery Clark?
3. How much shorter was Lynn Davies's best jump than Carl Lewis's?
4. How many centimetres short of Bob Beamon's jump was Dwight Phillips?.....
5. How much shorter was Frank Iron's best jump than Carl Lewis's?
6. Bob Beamon held the Long Jump record from 1968, until Mike Powell jumped 8.95m in 1991. Do you think anyone will ever jump more than 9 metres.....
7. Why do you think this?.....
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Draw a graph to show the distances jumped by these 7 athletes.



The World Long Jump record was held by Bob Beamon since 1968 when he jumped 8.90m. This lasted until 1991 when Mike Powell jumped 8.95m which is still the record.

Using a tape measure or metre ruler mark out 8.95 metres outside on the grass, in a driveway or on the playground.



Measure how far you can jump. Now you will realise how far Bob Beamon and Mike Powell jumped!

Do you think a kangaroo could jump further?

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Answers

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1. Lynn Davies
2. 1.71 m or 171 cm
3. 0.65 m or 65 cm
4. 31 cm
5. 1.24 m or 124 cm

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