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The following descriptions provide background information for the primary sources found in this packet. Continue reading the packet to find images and text for each primary source.

**The Ohio State Lantern and The Ohio State University:**
*The Ohio State Lantern*, which began printing in 1881, is the student newspaper for the students and community of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Ohio State University is a public research university founded in 1870. The university admitted women from its earliest years. The first Black student graduated in 1888.

**The Columbia Daily Spectator and Columbia University:**
*The Columbia Daily Spectator*, founded in 1887, is the student newspaper for the community of Columbia University in New York City, New York. Columbia University is a private Ivy League research university, established in 1754 as King’s College. Columbia was the last Ivy League school to become co-ed, in part due to the existence of Barnard College, a women’s college affiliated with Columbia University. The first co-ed class at Columbia arrived on campus in 1983. While it is believed that the first Black students studied at Columbia in 1877, it was not until the 1920s that African American students began to matriculate at Columbia in significant numbers.

**The Kentucky Kernel and The University of Kentucky:**
*The Kentucky Kernel*, which began printing in 1915, is the student newspaper for the community of the University of Kentucky. The University of Kentucky is a public research university in Lexington, Kentucky founded in 1865. Women were first admitted to the university in 1880. The university admitted its first Black student in 1949.
Primary Source Assignment 1: *The Ohio State Lantern*

Historical Background: [Amateur Athletic Union Says “Yes” to Berlin Olympics](#)

*The Ohio State Lantern* (Columbus, Ohio) Wednesday, December 4, 1935, page 2

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Jesse Owens on the Olympic Games

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Beginning in April, 1933, when the Nazis forbade Jewish boxers or referees to take part in or officiate in German championship contests and also barred Jews from membership in German youth associations, including sports organizations, down to August, 1935, when an order was issued forbidding members of all religious youth bodies from appearing in athletic competition, the whole Hitler policy has been one of racial and religious discrimination.

It seems to us that Jesse Owens should be interested in a program aimed to fight racial discrimination because his own race certainly has been subjected to this type of treatment for many years. By his refusal to participate, Jesse could register a strong and effective protest against this treatment.

The Olympic ideal of fraternity and equality for all cannot be carried out in a nation which is violating every pledge of the Olympic code. Jesse Owens and other Buck athletes could do far more to uphold the American standards of sportsmanship by refusing to participate in the games if they are held in prejudiced Germany.

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Primary Source Assignment 2: Columbia Daily Spectator

Historical Background: Anti-Jewish Riots Convulse German Reich (Kristallnacht)
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The Kentucky Kernel (Lexington, Kentucky), Friday, December 11, 1942, page 2
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“My people, true Germans of pure Aryan blood and noble heritage, know the only true religion. That religion is based on the power their fathers once had and their sole duty now is to place the German nation formerly held. It was placed first among world powers and that day is ahead of us now. Those same poor ignorant fools who believe in righteousness think we are marauders, power-starved and jealous. Such a conception is to be pitied, as are they. . . .

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