



**Snapshot Response to  
“America’s Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle”  
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1. What kind of person was Gertrude Ederle? Use details from the Selection Snapshot to tell about Trudy and what she was like.

Possible response: Trudy was determined to learn to swim. She trained and was well-prepared for her races. She liked a challenge. She was close to her family—her sister was with her before she started to swim the English Channel, and her father met her after she finished. She seemed to believe that women could make a difference in the world.

2. This Selection Snapshot is full of facts. Find some. Then find some statements of opinion. Write a sentence that tells your opinion of this Snapshot.

Possible response: Fact: At fifteen Trudy won her first big race. Opinion: She loved to swim. I liked this Snapshot because I learned about someone I’d never heard of. (Students should look for provability of facts and reasons to support opinions.)

3. What reference source would you use to find more information about Gertrude Ederle? List two or three other things you would like to know about her.

Responses will vary; possible sources are a general encyclopedia, the Internet, textbooks, a biography, a sports encyclopedia.