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Quick Questions



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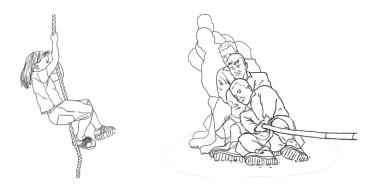
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 Why was George Eyser's gold medal win the "most impressive?" Explain your answer.
 It would be challenging to climb the rope with a wooden leg.



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 Answers will vary.



