

# Tom Longboat

## A. Reading

Tom Longboat was a championship long-distance **runner** from the Onondaga Nation in Canada. He grew up on Six Nations of the Grand River reserve near Brantford, Ontario. His Indigenous name was Cogwagee ("Everything").



He attended a **residential school**. During his running career, he broke many long-distance running **records**. He won the Boston Marathon in 1907. In 1909, he won the World's Professional Marathon Championship.

Tom Longboat gave up his running career and joined the **army** in 1916. He joined running contests in the army. After the **war**, Tom Longboat came back to Canada. Canadians placed him in the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame and the Indian Hall of Fame. He died on January 9, 1949.

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## B. Questions

1. What was his name?

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2. What Indigenous community was he part of?

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3. What type of athlete was he?

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4. What was his Indigenous name?

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5. What type of school did he attend?

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6. What happened in 1907?

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7. What did he do in 1916?

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8. What did he do in the army?

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