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Why was Simone Biles angry with the International Federation of Gymnastics (FIG)?

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- ☐ **R** re-state the question
- ☐ **A** answer all parts of the question
- ☐ **C** cite the text
- ☐ **E** explain how your citation supports your answer
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RACE Rubric for Short Answer Questions

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<p>R</p> <p>Restate the Question</p>	Restated the question completely	Restated almost all parts of the question	Attempted to restate the question, but was unsuccessful	Did not restate the question at all
<p>A</p> <p>Answer the Question</p>	Considered all parts of the question and answered each part accurately	Considered all parts of the question but had only partial accuracy	Missed part of the question	Did not answer the question at all
<p>C</p> <p>Cite evidence from the text</p>	Properly cited adequate evidence from the text that supported the answer	Cited evidence loosely related to the answer	Evidence used was either not relate to the question, or not correctly cited	No evidence from the text was used
<p>E</p> <p>Elaborate</p> <p>Make connections</p> <p>Explain further</p>	Made a connection with the text and clearly explained its relationship to the question	Made a connection to the text, but was unable to explain its relationship to the text clearly	Attempted to make a connection to the text, but the relationship was weak	Did not make a connection to the text at all; element was not present

R: _____ A: _____ C: _____ E: _____ Total: _____ / 4 = Final Score: _____

U.S. women's gymnastics team, led by Simone Biles, makes history

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Simone Biles of the United States performs on the vault during the Women's Team Final on Day 5 of the FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships on October 8, 2019, in Stuttgart, Germany. Photo by: Laurence Griffiths/Getty Images

The U.S. women's gymnastics team flipped its way into history in Stuttgart, Germany.

They did not let anything stand in their way. They did not let USA Gymnastics' general instability stop them. USA Gymnastics is the national governing body of the sport.

Led by world champion Simone Biles, the gymnasts made history at the 2019 World Gymnastics Championships on Tuesday, October 8. The gymnasts claimed a fifth consecutive team gold medal and seventh overall.

In the process, Biles became the most decorated female gymnast in history. She collected her 21st world championship medal to move past Russia's Svetlana Khorkina. Khorkina has been retired for a while.

Biles' 15 gold medals at world championships was already a record. She was expected to add even more to that.

Russia took silver for the team medal. They lagged 5.801 points behind the United States. Italy was the surprise bronze medalist.

Every Score Matters

Four gymnasts claimed the team gold with Biles shouldering the scoring load.

Each of the eight countries that moved on to the Tuesday team final chose three gymnasts to compete on each of the four events. All three scores counted, so any athlete's misstep was costly to the entire group.

Like Biles, Sunisa Lee competed in all four events for the United States. Just one year removed from junior competition, Lee is 16 years old. She is the youngest on the squad. She finished second to Biles in qualifying to move on to the all-around competition on Thursday, October 10.

Lee led the Americans on uneven bars. However, she fell and wobbled twice on the beam.

Others teammates included Jade Carey of Phoenix, Arizona, Kara Eaker of Grain Valley, Missouri, and Grace McCallum of Isanti, Michigan. Carey is 19 years old. Eaker and McCallum are both 16 years old.

Biles posted top marks on three of the four events. They were vault, beam and floor.

Biles Makes History

Biles called her record of 21 world championship medals "kind of crazy."

"I think that's really impressive for someone to be able to do that; I guess that's me," Biles said with a smile.

She added that she has not had a chance to process everything yet. However, she expected the team will be celebrating a lot.

Biles made history in Stuttgart on Day 2 of qualifications.

She had two new skills named for her by becoming the first to successfully land them on the world or Olympic stage. They are the Biles II on the floor and the Biles dismount on beam. They are both types of twisting double somersaults.

Her beam dismount was something never done before.

However, the International Federation of Gymnastics (FIG) did not celebrate Biles' success. Instead, it in effect penalized her.

Biles made her anger clear on social media. USA Gymnastics also "respectfully disagreed" in a formal letter.

Too Good For Her Own Good

FIG responded that it did not want Biles to set an example. It did not want to give others a reason to try a skill that is so dangerous and difficult.

Biles acknowledged that she is in a league of her own. However, she said she should still receive recognition for the work she is doing.

Biles chose a slightly safer dismount on Tuesday, October 8.

Teammates McCallum and Lee had some tumbles. Nevertheless, the Americans extended their lead after each round.

The United States had a major lead by the time Biles closed the competition.

Biles and Lee returned to the competition floor on Thursday, October 10. They will contest the all-around. That includes the 24 top-scoring gymnasts from qualifications with a maximum of two per country.

The U.S. men contested the team event after a qualifying effort full of errors on Wednesday, October 9. They barely made the cut.

