

Olympics Activities



[GO FOR THE GOLD!](#)

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Greek Vocabulary helps students to better understand their own English terms in this lesson plan, where students will do a bit of research on the Olympic games, then write their own persuasive speeches and newspaper articles on the upcoming 2010 winter games. Use the 2nd link above for a history of the games in Ancient Greece.

[ICE SKATING WORDSEARCH:](#)

So your students think they know the fundamentals of ice skating? Watch along with the judges and see how the competitors rate of the salchow, lutz, or choctaw, and learn some more Olympic sports terms with this printable wordsearch.

[ANCIENT OLYMPICS FOR GRADES 4-8:](#)

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Students will be researching the ancient Olympic games, creating and writing an ancient Greek newspaper edition, commenting on chariot races, drawing maps, and solving a puzzle with this Olympics lesson plan for grades 4-8. Use the 2nd link above for Ancient Greece resources; a student organizer handout is included with this unit.

[THE ANCIENT GREEK OLYMPICS:](#)

As well as conducting research for the projects listed in "Go for the Gold", both students and teachers will find some great resources here to learn about and celebrate the ancient Olympic games. Activities cross the curriculum in a five day unit, culminating with an award ceremony of your very own. Hold a competition for the fastest Olympic tongue-twister relay -- included here.

[A TOUR OF ANCIENT OLYMPIA:](#)

What was Olympia like in ancient times? While we can't step back into the games per se, we can still take a good look at what's left, and put two and two together for a good idea of what it might have been like.

[WINTER OLYMPICS MEDAL COUNT WORKSHEET:](#)

On this printable handout, students can keep track of all the medals that the various participating countries are winning in the Olympic Games, with country flags followed by spaces for gold, silver, and bronze medal counts.

[UNDERSTANDING THE MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES:](#)

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A student handout at the 2nd link above helps them to understand the significance of both ancient and modern Olympic games. Student assignments are included in both links above.

[2010 WINTER OLYMPICS GAMES EVENTS:](#)

So which sports, exactly, will be included in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games? Brainstorm first with your class, then find out here, along with the event dates for each sport.

[OLYMPIC GAMES HOST CITIES:](#)

Print out this chart, then make little flags to use with pushpins on a large world map, adding the date and name of the city that has hosted the Olympic games.

[CREATE AN OLYMPIC JOURNAL & SCRAPBOOK:](#)

There are so many ways to create your own class Olympics scrapbook, and it's a great place to start with engendering excitement and interest for the upcoming winter games. Try collecting pictures and bios on Team USA, news articles on the Olympics, graphs of favorite events, data for each competition, notes on past competitors, reports and opinion pieces from students.... and don't forget to include your students' own goals and Olympic dreams!

[OLYMPIC MATH:](#)

How many of your students consider the money involved in becoming an Olympic athlete? It turns out that it not only takes a lot of physical training to compete, it also takes plenty of cash. This math lesson relates savings to the Olympic dream, with word problems for students to compare savings methods.

[OLYMPIC MEASUREMENTS:](#)

In the United States, we use mostly standard measurements, while the rest of the world largely relies on metric units. You'll be seeing a good deal of those metric measurements when the Olympic games start; find a discussion and chart here on conversion.

[PROPERTIES OF MATTER:](#)

This upper elementary science lesson examines all forms of matter, through shifting shapes and volumes, but still as forms.

[ICE ENERGY:](#)

Where does all that Olympic ice come from, anyway? Students will begin exploring the concept with this science lesson plan, understanding chemical reactions and their results.

[SNOW SCIENCE:](#)

Find a wide variety of Snow Science activities to explore with your elementary classes, from graphing and collecting data to snow melting and snow density.

[GLOBAL TREK -- CANADA:](#)

Did you know that Canada is the second largest country in the world? For area, that is; it certainly does

not claim that statistic for population. Learn more about the host country for the Winter Olympics 2010, and create a classroom timeline on Canada with your students. Writing topics are included, along with further online resources; your students could design their own travel brochures, or compare statistics of Canada with their own countries.

[MAPS OF CANADA:](#)

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The first map listed above provides a blank political map outline, while the 2nd link lists provinces and territories, along with capital cities. Use the 2nd one for learning and coloring, and the first one for testing.

[CANADA ANAGRAMS:](#)

Choose either a general anagram about geography, animals, etc. of Canada, or select one on the provinces. These printable student worksheets come in both color and black and white with different challenge levels, and with answer keys provided.

[TEACHING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP:](#)

With the Olympic Games right around the corner, it's a prime opportunity to teach your students about good sportsmanship. Find a discussion of good practices here, and have your students come up with their own suggestions of what constitutes good sportsmanship, especially in terms of an Olympic level athlete chosen to represent his or her country; then apply those traits to "right at home" scenarios.