

Summer Olympics 2004 Resources

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About Athens, Lesson Plans, Healthy bodies etc <http://www.edgate.com/summergames/>

Activities/Lesson Plans/Units/Themes (and see WebQuests)

ABC - Olympic Games <http://www.abc.net.au/olympics/2004/> &

Fun & Games - ABC Sports website has some online fun for kids

<http://abc.net.au/olympics/2004/fun.htm>

<http://atozteacherstuff.com/Themes/Olympics/index.shtml>

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/Olympics.htm>

http://www.usoe.k12.ut.us/curr/pe/resources/olympics/o_lessons.html

http://www.picadome.fcps.net/lab/teacher/lesson_plans/olympics/default.htm

<http://www2.lhric.org/pocantico/olympics/activities.htm>

<http://homeschooling.about.com/library/blsep15a.htm>

<http://teachervision.com/lesson-plans/lesson-6651.html?wtlAC=gs010201,email-t>

<http://teachervision.com/lesson-plans/lesson-6651.html> (Click below ads)

Board game to download (excellent)

<http://www.hueber.de/downloads/lehrer/fs/olympia-brettspiel-E.pdf>

Classroom Olympics (PDF) - activities in which students participate in several classroom "Olympic-type" events where they will apply measurement skills

<http://www.aimsedu.org/Activities/cOlympics/colympics.pdf>

Gold Medal Olympics Activities!

http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson201.shtml

Edgate Summer Games (PDF) http://www2.edgate.com/summergames/lesson_plans/

Education World Lesson – Scavenger Hunt

http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/hunt/hunt022.shtml

Edu Materials (PDFs) - K to 12 lessons & educational materials

<http://www.athens2004.com/athens2004/page/youthinternal?lang=en&cid=fe9afb56c7569f00VgnVCMServer28130b0aRCRD>

Mr Donn's Simulation Unit: Ancient Greek Olympics

<http://members.aol.com/MrDonnUnits/GreekOlympics.html>

Olympic Friends - Make Olympic paper dolls!

<http://www.makingfriends.com/friends/f+olympic.htm>

Olympics Unit Study Resources

<http://www.jelleyjar.com/homeschool/hmsolympic.html>

Wacky Olympics (Grades K to 5) Purpose of Activity: To have students enjoy a fun field day near the end of the school year

<http://www.pecentral.org/lessonideas/ViewLesson.asp?ID=2247>

What are Modern Olympics? History of the Modern Olympic Games; students will plot the locations of all of the Olympic sites on a world map

www.teachervision.fen.com/lesson-plans/lesson-1952.html

Ancient Greek Olympics <http://members.aol.com/MrDonnUnits/GreekOlympics.html> &

<http://www.athens2004.com/athens2004/>

Ancient Olympics: A Special Exhibit (subsections on Ancient and Modern Olympic Sports; The Context of the Games and the Olympic Spirit; Frequently Asked Questions; A Tour of Ancient Olympia; Athletes' Stories)
<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/Olympics/index.html>

Ancient Olympics <http://ablemedia.com/ctcweb/index2.html>

Ancient Olympics – What is the meaning and history of the Olympic Games?
<http://www.greece.org/olympics/why.html>

Athens Olympic Games Blog <http://www.livingroom.org.au/olympics/>

Athens 2004 <http://www.athens2004.com/athens2004/>

Athens 2004 Olympics <http://www.greecetravel.com/2004olympics/>

Athens Youth

Link to a timeline and online game

<http://www.athens2004.com/athens2004/page/youth?cid=f9187ae4be659f00VgnVCMserver28130b0aRCRD&lang=en>
<http://www.athens2004.com/athens2004/page/youth?lang=en&cid=f9187ae4be659f00VgnVCMserver28130b0aRCRD>

Australia at the Olympics – Medal Tallies & excellent Teacher's links etc
http://members.ozemail.com.au/~slacey/olympic_games.htm#Australia

Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) <http://www.olympics.com.au/>

Basketball http://www.usabasketball.com/seniormen/2004/04_moly_schedule.html &
<http://www.sportevents.it/Olympiad.htm>

BBC Olympic / 2004 - make sure to check out the "View from Space" for the satellite images of the Olympic venues. Pretty cool!
http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport1/hi/olympics_2004/default.stm#

Brain Pop - Olympics (Watch a BrainPop movie about the Olympics)
<http://www.brainpop.com/specials/olympics/>

Educator's (An) Resource To The 2004 Olympics In Athens
<http://www.greekembassy.org/Embassy/Content/en/Article.aspx?office=3&folder=199&article=13171>

Elementary Educators

Olympics 2000 - Use this very special event to teach your students all about the excitement and history surrounding the Olympics
<http://k6educators.about.com/library/blolympics.htm>

Fact Monster - Excellent! Facts & history, lots of fun games for kids, too.

<http://www.factmonster.com/spot/04olympics.html>

Football - Men's <http://www.sportscheduler.co.sz/olympics.htm>

Fuji – sponsoring Australian athletes (Petrea Thomas etc)

http://www.fujixerox.com.au/about_us/olympic.jsp

Go for the Gold - Olympic resources with lots of good information and lesson ideas

http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/athens_games/index.htm

Health/PE <http://oswego.org/staff/cchamber/linkscf/subjects.cfm?code=Health/PE>

History Facts Trivia (lots of links to many sites)

http://www.archaeolink.com/ancient_olympics_olympic_games_h.htm

International Olympic Committee – EXCELLENT! Lots of links to documents, covers the symbols, mascots, history, etc http://www.olympic.org/uk/games/athens/index_uk.asp

NBC Olympic Coverage – EXCELLENT! When the Olympics start, this is the NBC website that has all the latest news, scores, etc; TV listing, so you know what is on locally; click on "Countries", you can see maps and read information regarding each country <http://www.nbcolympics.com/index.html>

News - Olympic Links www.runnersweb.com/running/olympics.html

Official website of the Olympic Movement http://www.olympic.org/uk/index_uk.asp

Olympic Games – many great links <http://www.42explore2.com/olympics.htm>

Olympic Sports for Homeschoolers - great links

<http://homeschooling.gomilpitas.com/articles/071304.htm>

Olympics through time - PreHistory, Antiquity, Revival

<http://www.fhw.gr/olympics/ancient/index.html>

Olympics, 2000 – Great for both students & teachers; Student links include games, information in kid-friendly language, & a video about the history of the Olympics; Teacher links include both online & downloadable lesson plans & activities for bringing the Olympics into your classroom

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/1133/olympics.html>

Olympics World Celebration Grades 2-3

<http://teacherlink.ed.usu.edu/tlresources/units/Byrnes-celebrations/olympics.html>

Resources/Research Sites

<http://surfaquarium.com/NEWSLETTER/olympics2004.htm>

<http://edselect.com/olympics.htm>

<http://webtech.kennesaw.edu/jcheek3/olympics.html>

<http://atozteacherstuff.com/Themes/Olympics/>
<http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/schools/gunston/library/students/links/olympics/> or
<http://snipurl.com/7soy>

Science Of Cycling - Very cool! <http://www.exploratorium.com/cycling/index.html>

Sports <http://www.ecb.org/surf/sports.htm>

Teacher Planet – Resources <http://www.teacherplanet.com/resource/summerolympics.php>

Teachers' Guide (PDF) - Time Magazine for Kids, teacher's guide
<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/class/pdfs/2004S/040507NS.pdf>

Torch Relay <http://www.cokebuddy.com.au/torchrelay/faq.asp>

Volleyball <http://www.v-spirit.com/olympic/2004/olympic2004calendar.html> &
<http://www.volleyball.org/olympics/olympics2004.html>

WA Eddept Teacher Librarian site – curriculum context (excellent)
<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmis/eval/curriculum/pathfinders/olympics/>

Water Olympics (PDF) - series of four activities that deal with some of the properties of water; short so could be done individually or all together in an "Olympic" format; great as intro to a water unit <http://www.aimsedu.org/Activities/waterOlym/waterolym.pdf>

Weblinks (lots of great links) http://members.ozemail.com.au/~slacey/olympic_games.htm

WebQuests

Ancient Olympic Cyberhunt

<http://www2.lhric.org/pocantico/olympics/ancienthunt.htm>

Games of the Ancient Olympics

<http://www.sinc.sunysb.edu/Class/est57280/kmeehan/webquest.htm>

Journey through the Olympics

<http://web54.sd54.k12.il.us/vrkit/supplements/sixth/olympics/student.htm>

When the Games Began: Olympic Archaeology

http://www.nytimes.com/learning/teachers/featured_articles/20040309tuesday.html

Winter Olympics: Sport & Science – Grades 5 to 12 Minicourse Modules: Sports Nutrition examines the nutritional needs of athletes & the science of nutrition; Physics & Biomechanics explores four basic mechanical concepts using the sports of luge and figure skating. Physiology & Biomechanics deals with the science of muscles and the cardiovascular system in addition to the psychological factors that contribute to athletic performance <http://btc.montana.edu/olympics/default.htm>

Women of the Olympics <http://womenshistory.about.com/od/olympics/>

OTHER ACTIVITY IDEAS

Olympic Memories (By Brenda T.) Grades 4 to 12 – Activity sheet used to interview a parent, another adult, or another student about their memories of past Olympics.

MATERIALS: paper with the questions listed below

METHOD: Interview parents, relatives and family friends using the following questions along with others that the students may develop: What is your favourite Olympic event and why? Which do you like better, the Summer or Winter Olympics? Why? What is your most vivid memory of watching the Olympics? If you could compete in one Olympic event, what would it be and why? Discuss everyone's different experiences and come up with things that the students will look for in their own 2000 Olympic experience.

Integrating The Olympics Into The Social Studies (Scott M.) Grades 3 to 12 –

MATERIALS: materials for country research;

METHOD: There are a number of ways you can bring the Olympics into your Social Studies curriculum. Here are a couple: Assign short or long country report, based on their participation in the Olympics. Use the directory, YAHOO! (www.yahoo.com) to locate information. Go down to their "Regional" listing, then select "Countries", then look at the hundreds of listings. Discuss the origin of the Olympics, and/or modern Olympic history.

BOOKS

"Eyewitness Olympics", a DK Eyewitness hardcover book.

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0789466287/ref=pd_sim_books_5/103-5981082-1464662?v=glance&s=books

"Hour of the Olympics" a Magic Tree House book.

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0679890629/ref=pd_sim_books_1/103-5981082-1464662?v=glance&s=books

"Magic Tree House Research Guide, Ancient Greece and the Olympics".

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0375823786/ref=pd_sim_books_4/103-5981082-1464662?v=glance&s=books

"Olympic Adventures" (Grades K to 2) – Bring the Olympic spirit to life for students with information and activities that relate to both the Summer and Winter Games. Learn about

Olympic history, traditions, sites, and events. Additional features are learning centre activities and directions for a Junior Olympic Games as a culminating activity

<http://www.buyteachercreated.com/estore/product/3635>

PRINT DOCUMENTS AND ARTICLES PROVIDING CONTENT REGARDING LESSON PLANS FOR THE OLYMPICS

(Special thanks to David Dillard, Temple University)

Early Childhood Motor Skills Information Packet.

Juelsgaard, Cheri, 1996

(ED403077)

ERIC Document

Gold Medal!: An Event-Based Science Module. Teacher's Guide. Physiology Module.

Wright, Russell G., 1998 (ED475226)

ERIC Document

Ideas: NCTM Standards-Based Instruction, Grades K-4.

Hynes, Michael C., Ed.

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Inc., Reston, VA., 1995

(ED396956)

ERIC Document

Internet Connections.

Lindroth, Linda;

Teaching Pre K-8

v. 27 no. 4 p. 62-63 January 1997

Learn & Play Olympic Sports: Curriculum Guide for Teachers Grades 3, 4, and 5.

Moore, Cosetta;

Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles, CA., 1992

(ED356167)

ERIC Document

1999 Special Olympics World Games, North Carolina. School Enrichment

Curriculum Resource Guide. North Carolina State Dept. of Public Instruction,

Raleigh., 1999 (ED431267)

ERIC Document

Olympic Spirit: Building Resiliency in Youth.

United States Olympic Committee, Colorado Springs, CO.;

Learning Systems Group, Washington, DC., 1995

(ED390777)

ERIC Document

Olympic spirit fights drugs and violence in schools.

JOPERD: The Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance

May/June 1995 Vol. 66 Issue 5 p. 12

Special Olympics Instructional Manual. . .From Beginners to Champions.

American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, Washington,

DC.; Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, Washington, DC., 1972

(ED069076)

ERIC Document

Title: Lesson plans.

Author: Fiorentino, T.

Corporate Author: Canadian Weightlifting Federation

Publisher: Gloucester, Ont.: Canadian Weightlifting Federation

Publication Year: 1994

Language: English

Country of Publication: Canada

Abstract: Ten lesson plans equally divided on Teaching Olympic Weightlifting and The Practice of Drug-Free Sport are presented in a 132 page binder. Student objectives are cited in each lesson as well as the preparation required to successfully carry them out. Lessons are generally 45 or 50 minutes in length and employ various teaching techniques including; brainstorming, group discussions, peer evaluations, games, demonstrations and role-playing. The lesson plans on Teaching Olympic Weightlifting introduce and define the sport and offer teachers with the necessary tools to teach the two Olympic movements.

Tuning in to the Olympics.

Yeager, Susan;

Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

v. 59 no. 3 p. 59-62 March 1988

OLYMPICS IN THE CURRICULUM

(Special thanks to David Dillard, Temple University)

Education Olympics (The): What Place Australia?

Donnelly, Kevin; Nahan, Mike.

IPA Review

December 2000 Vol. 52 Issue 4 p. 17

Implementation of Olympic Culture in the School Curriculum in Greece.

Kabitsis, C.; Harahousou, Y.; Arvaniti, N.; Mountakis, K.

Physical Educator

Early Winter 2002 Vol. 59 Issue 4 p. 184

Into the Curriculum. Reading/Language Arts: Hans Christian Andersen [and]

Science: Bat Research [and] Science: The Library Media Center Rocks! An

Introduction to Rocks, Minerals, and Gemstones [and] Social Studies:

Ticket to the Olympics: Exploring Sydney and the 2000 Summer Games [and]

Social Studies/Music: Sounds of the Election: Presidential Campaign Songs.

Germain, Claudia; Mayo, Jeanne B.; Hart, Lisa

School Library Media Activities Monthly

v. 17 no. 1 p. 11-22 September 2000

Olympic Opportunities.

Shaka, Farella

Science Scope

v. 19 no. 8 p. 32 May 1996

Olympics (The): An Educational Opportunity. Enrichment Units, 7-9.
United States Olympic Committee, Colorado Springs, CO., 1978
(ED211452)
ERIC Document

Olympics (The): An Educational Opportunity. Krasevec, Joseph A.;
Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance
v. 55 no. 2 p. 24-26 February 1984

Olympics in Mathematics
Thomsen, Dietrick E.
Science News
v. 107 no. 11 p.174, 182 March 1975

Olympic Scientific Congress: sport science and the physical education curriculum.
Tripps, Dan G.
Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
v. 55 February 1984 p. 31-33

Olympic Scoring of English Compositions
Follman, John; Panther, Edward;
Child Study Journal Monographs
1,2,3,4,5, &6 p. 76-81 1974

Olympic Spirit (The): History of the Games and Atlanta Committee for the Olympic
Games, Volume I, 1992-93 Curriculum Guide. Olympic Day in the Schools. Atlanta
Committee for the Olympic Games, GA.; United States Olympic Committee, Colorado
Springs, CO. Education Council., 1993
(ED387370)
ERIC Document

Olympic Spirit (The): A Worldwide Connection, Volume II, 1993-94 Curriculum Guide.
Olympic Day in the Schools. Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, GA.; United
States Olympic Committee, Colorado Springs, CO.
Education Council., 1994 (ED387371)
ERIC Document

Olympic Spirit (The): A Worldwide Connection, Volume III, 1994-95 Curriculum Guide.
Olympic Day in the Schools.
Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, GA.;
United States Olympic Committee, Colorado Springs, CO.
Education Council., 1995 (ED387372)
ERIC Document

On Your Mark, Get Set - For a Metric Olympics
Rusnock, Micahael A.;

Teacher v. 92 no. 9 p. 88-89 May/June 1975

Special Olympics: Opportunities to Learn.
Ballard, Janet K.; Calhoun, Mary Lynne;
Teaching Exceptional Children
v. 24 no. 1 p. 20-23 Fall 1991