

SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

UNIT OVERVIEW

The “*Summer Olympic Games*” unit looks at eight different sporting events that take place at the Summer Olympic Games. Students study the information about the sporting events as they read newspaper articles. Students practice using different reading, writing, research, and language arts skills as they complete the activities in the “*Summer Olympic Games*” unit. This unit is divided into three sections. Section One includes a series of lessons designed to provide students with interesting facts and information about different sporting events. Section Two includes a number of optional lessons that teachers can use to supplement the main lessons of the unit. Section Three provides suggestions for major projects that the students can complete during the unit or when they have finished the main lessons of the unit. A book display should be set up somewhere in the classroom. A wide variety of books on the Olympic Games and the different sporting events at the Summer Olympic Games should be included in the display. Students refer to the books during the course of the unit.

SECTION I – LESSONS

Section I contains eight structured lessons dealing with different sporting events at the Summer Olympic Games. Students read a series of newspaper articles, use books from the classroom display, and use the internet to complete the activities of these lessons.

- 1) Artistic Gymnastics
- 2) Baseball
- 3) Boxing
- 4) Cycling
- 5) Diving
- 6) Sailing
- 7) Swimming
- 8) Triathlon

SECTION II – OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The optional activities provide teachers with flexibility in teaching the unit. They can replace activities in the main lessons, be used as review, or provide students with enrichment.

- 1) Game
- 2) Facilities Layout Map
- 3) Summer Olympics Trivia Game
- 4) Survey
- 5) Website
- 6) Visitor
- 7) What Sport Am I? Riddles
- 8) Word Search Puzzle
- 9) Crossword Puzzle
- 10) Sample Exam

SECTION III – MAJOR PROJECTS

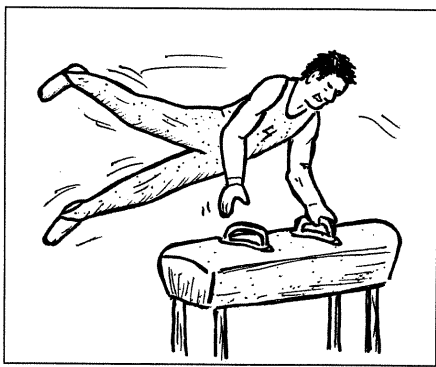
The major projects can be completed by the students individually, with a partner, or in small groups.

- 1) Summer Olympic Games Research Scavenger Hunt
- 2) Promote an Olympic Sport

REFERENCES

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Volume 2 Issue 1 – Artistic Gymnastics



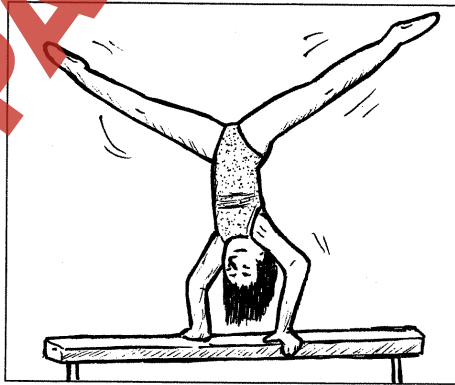
ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS
POPULAR EVENT AT SUMMER
OLYMPIC GAMES

The artistic gymnastics events at the Summer Olympic Games are popular spectator events. Gymnastics, in some form, has always been a part of the Olympic Games. The Olympic artistic gymnastics program, as we know it today, began in 1924 for the men at the Summer Olympic Games in Paris, France and for women in 1928 at the Summer Olympic Games in Amsterdam, Holland.

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS PERFORMED ON APPARATUS

All the artistic gymnastics events are performed on some

type of apparatus. There are six individual events for men and four individual events for women in artistic gymnastics at the Summer Olympic Games. The men participate in events on the floor, pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars, and horizontal bars. The women participate in events on the vault, uneven bars, balance beam, and floor.



THREE PART ARTISTIC
GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

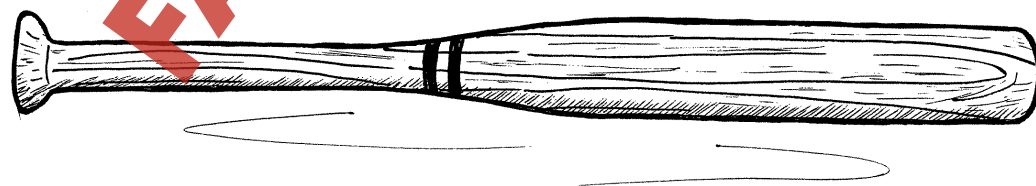
There are three parts to the artistic gymnastics competition at the Summer Olympic Games. There is a team competition, an individual all-round competition, and individual apparatus finals.

BASEBALL FACT OR OPINION

Name: _____

Directions: Read each statement. If the statement is a fact, print the word 'fact' on the line after the statement. If the statement is an opinion, print the word 'opinion' on the line after the statement.

- Baseball is more interesting to watch than softball. _____
- Eight baseball teams participate in the Summer Olympic Games. _____
- Baseball games last too long. _____
- There should only be three balls for a walk in baseball. _____
- Baseball became a medal sport at the Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. _____
- Baseball fields are shaped like a diamond. _____
- The offense is the team that is batting. _____
- There should be more treats sold at a baseball game. _____
- An inning starts when the pitcher throws the ball. _____
- Baseball teams need to have more than nine players on the field. _____



BOXING

Name: _____

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences:

- Where do boxers compete?

- Why was boxing not included as a medal sport at the first modern Olympic Games in 1896?

- How many weight divisions in boxing are there at the Summer Olympic Games?

- What are boxers given points for by the judges in a boxing match?

- Boxing is one of the few Olympic sports that do not allow professional athletes to compete. Do you agree with this rule or do you think this rule should be changed? Give three reasons to support your answer.

CYCLING VOCABULARY WORDS

Name: _____

Directions: Write the meaning of each of the vocabulary words typed in *italic* and then use each word in a new sentence.

- There is a *cross-country* race for men and women in mountain bike racing.
Meaning: _____
Sentence: _____
- The race takes place outdoors on the host country's natural *terrain*.
Meaning: _____
Sentence: _____
- Athletes climb the *banks* of the oval track.
Meaning: _____
Sentence: _____
- The cyclists start at 90-second *intervals*.
Meaning: _____
Sentence: _____
- Athletes find the best racing position to cut down on air *resistance*.
Meaning: _____
Sentence: _____

NEW SWIMMING STROKE INVENTION

Name: _____

Name of New Swimming Stroke: _____

Description of Swimming Stroke:

Diagram of Swimming Stroke:

DESIGN ACTIVITY

SWIMMING TRUE OR FALSE

Name: _____

Directions: Write 'true' or 'false' after each statement. If the statement is 'false', rewrite the statement making it 'true'.

1. Swimming became a medal sport for men at the 1912 Summer Olympic Games.

2. There are 16 swimming events for men and 14 swimming events for women.

3. Olympic swimming pools are 50 metres long and 21 metres wide.

4. The swimming pool is divided into 16 lanes.

5. Preliminary rounds determine which swimmers will advance to the semi-final and final rounds.

6. Swimmers with the fastest times swim in Lane 4.

7. Swimmers in the backstroke events must have some part of their body above the water for the first 15 metres of the race.

TRUE OR FALSE

SUMMER OLYMPICS SURVEY

Name: _____

OLYMPIC SURVEY QUESTION:

Survey Results for Grade _____ Classroom _____

Responses	Tally	Total
Other		

SURVEY

SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

Name: _____

A. Answer the following questions in complete sentences:

1. What are the three parts of the artistic gymnastics competition?

2. What are boxers given points for in boxing?

3. Why do cyclists wear special clothes when they race?

SAMPLE EXAM

SUMMER OLYMPICS WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

Name: _____

N F G Y M N A S T I C S M V X
 T R I A T H L O N D Y B A U P
 G E Z S W I M M I N G U P K R
 N E N D U R A N C E L T H F E
 I S I T R P K H M T B T H M H
 L T R E F E R E E O B E O V C
 I Y L A N O I T I D A R T X T
 A L E C N A L A B D D F L T I
 S E J I C V R C G O C L X S P
 J V Z T Y G O U L N A Y G P T
 O E V S N U A E E B I N C P E
 D K P I N R V C E T I L N H E
 W X X T D B L S Z N A S C T L
 R O R R N I A T N U O M L Y F
 B Y L A B B D I V I N G A G C

amateur
 artistic
 balance
 baseball
 boxing
 butterfly
 country
 cycling
 diving

endurance
 fleet
 freestyle
 gymnastics
 headguard
 innings
 mountain
 pitcher
 referee

sailing
 swimming
 synchronized
 traditional
 triathlon
 vault
 velodrome

ANSWER KEY

AL LESSON #8 -WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

complete the word search puzzle worksheet individually or with a partner. The set provides students with a review of the Summer Olympics unit.

N F G Y M N A S T I C S M V X
 T R I A T H L O N D Y B A U P
 G E Z S W I M M I N G U P K R
 N E N D U R A N C E L T H F E
 I S I T R P K H M T B T H M H
 L T R E F E R E E O B E O V C
 I Y L A N O I T I D A R T X T
 A L E C N A L A B D D F L T I
 S E J I C V R C G O C L X S P
 J V Z T Y G O U L N A Y G P T
 O E V S N U A E E B I N C P E
 D K P I N R V C E T I L N H E
 W X X T D B L S Z N A S C T L
 R O R R N I A T N U O M L Y F
 B Y L A B B D I V I N G A G C

