



# OLYMPIC WORKSHEET





Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your class: \_\_\_\_\_

**I Olympic Athletes from Around the World**  
Choose an interesting athlete from each region, research them and explain why you chose them.

Region	Person	Country	Sport	Reason
1. Asia				
2. Africa				
3. Middle East				
4. Latin America				
5. Europe				

**II Good Sportsmanship**  
During the Olympics, find two examples of good sportsmanship.

Name	Country	Example of good sportsmanship
1.		
2.		

**III Scandals and Controversies**  
During the Olympics, find two examples of a scandal or a controversy.

Name	Country	Scandal or controversy
1.		
2.		

**IV Trans-National Athletes and Coaches**  
Some countries hire, steal, import or borrow athletes from other countries to help them win Olympic medals. Find two examples of athletes in one country's team who are actually from another country.

Name	Sport	Olympic Country	Original country
1.			
2.			

**V Olympic Flags**  
During the Olympic Games, you can see the national flag of many different nations. Choose 2 interesting flags, draw them in the boxes below and research what their patterns stand for.

Country	Flag	Meaning
1.		
2.		

VI Olympic Data Box

Research the following data about the Olympic Games and write the answers in the blanks.

Number of countries taking part	
Number of sports	
Number of athletes	
Number of security forces	
Number of Olympic torch carriers	
Number of TV viewers worldwide	

VII Matching: Sports and Countries

Match the countries on the left with the sports on the right that they’re good at.

▪ India	▪ weightlifting
▪ China	▪ running
▪ Turkey	▪ grass hockey
▪ Cuba	▪ judo
▪ Kenya	▪ table tennis
▪ Korea	▪ baseball
▪ Japan	▪ archery

VIII Interview

Interview 4 classmates, family members, neighbors or people on the street about the following:

What’s your favorite Olympic sport? Why?
1.
2.
3.
4.

Which foreign athlete do you like? Why?
1.
2.
3.
4.

IX Rate the Media in Your Country

In some countries, the media (TV, radio, newspapers) only cover athletes from “our” nation. In other countries, the media makes efforts to profile athletes from around the world and promote international understanding. Use the chart below to rate the media in your country.

Your Country:	Yes					No
1. Does the media only focus on “our” athletes?	1	2	3	4	5	
2. Does the media ignore sports that “our” athletes aren’t in?	1	2	3	4	5	
3. Does the media take an “us vs. them” approach to each event?	1	2	3	4	5	
4. Does the media try to profile athletes from other nations?	1	2	3	4	5	
5. Does the media try to inform viewers about foreign countries?	1	2	3	4	5	
6. Does the media try to promote international understanding?	1	2	3	4	5	

Your comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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X Who Should I Cheer For?

During the Olympics, many people only cheer for their own country. For a change, try out one or more of the following cheering styles. Then, comment on what you did and how you felt.

1 Good plays	Cheer only for good plays or performances, regardless of the country.
2 Sister country	Cheer for the country of your sister school, sister city or sister state.
3 Neighbor country	Cheer for neighbor countries – the nations located next to your country.
4 Small countries	Cheer for small or poor countries – they’re the ones that need extra help.
5 Underdog	Cheer for the underdog – the country that’s behind and needs most support.
6 Day by day	Cheer for a different country each day of the Olympics.

Your comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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