

## ALL ABOUT PINS

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During your field trip to the Lake Placid Olympic Museum, this lesson will help to introduce students to the world of Olympic Pin trading and its history at the Olympic Winter Games.

### CONTEXT

Olympic pin trading took off as the #1 spectator sport at the 1980 Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid. The Pin Display, located in the design section of the Museum, features just under 800 Olympic pins from all different Winter Games. Using the Pin Detective activity sheets next to the display, have students work individually or in groups to complete the search for the pins.

### AIMS & OBJECTIVES

*Students will:*

1. Use their memory skills to locate the different Olympic Pins.
2. Develop an appreciation for Olympic design.

### MATERIALS

**Primary Sources:**

Artifacts in the LPOM.

**Secondary Sources:**

CBS News Clip: "Olympic Pin Trading"

## PROCEDURE

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- Before visiting the Lake Placid Olympic Museum, get students thinking about Olympic Pin Trading by playing the 4 minute news video from CBS News. The video briefly explores what Pin Trading is and the history behind it.
  - Copy and paste this link for the video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7KYDfBjMho>
- While at the Lake Placid Olympic Museum, navigate your students to the Pin Display case in the "Design & Olympics" section.
- Have students work individually or in groups by using the provided activity sheets next to the display case or your own printed versions.
- Make this into a fun and friendly competition by awarding small prizes to the group that finishes first!

## EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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Provide students with the "Pin Designer" worksheet. This asks to kids to use their imagination and creativity to design their own set of Olympic pins! Display the drawings in your classroom for some Olympic spirit!

If you are not able to visit the Lake Placid Olympic Museum in-person, you can still utilize the CBS News video and have your students view the "Pin Detective" activity to get a sense of what is on display at the Museum. Afterwards, have students complete the "Pin Designer" worksheet to design their own Olympic pin!