

OLYMPIAN DISCOVERY

During your field trip to the Lake Placid Olympic Museum, this lesson will introduce students to different athletes that are highlighted in throughout the exhibits.

CONTEXT

Names like Shawn White, Kristi Yamaguchi, and Apolo Ohno are easily recognizable in the sporting world. However, there are thousands of other Olympians that are not as well known, but are incredible athletes in their own right. This activity will expose students to the different athletes that are featured in the Museum and asks them to learn about their Olympian while at the Museum, with an extension classroom activity provided.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Students will:

1. Identify key information.
2. Conduct basic research.
3. Develop an appreciation for Olympic history.

MATERIALS

Primary Sources:

Historical photographs and artifacts in the Museum

Secondary Sources:

Articles found online for the extension activity.

PROCEDURE

- Prior to arriving at the Lake Placid Olympic Museum, hand out the credentials to students and inform them that they will be going on a field trip to the Museum. They will have to find the athlete pictured on their badge and answer the questions on the back.
- For the credentials, there is a mixture of 1932, 1980, and current local Olympians. Hints to the athlete's sport can be found through the sport pictogram and their country and medal count can be found on the silver winners plaques throughout the exhibits.
- The questions can be printed out in worksheet form, however, please note that **no** pens or markers are allowed in the Museum. Only pencils and this **must** be monitored closely by teachers, chaperones, and teacher aids.
- Explain to students that "sport" is the broad category, like figure skating, and that "events" are the smaller categories in which athletes compete for medals, like pairs skating.

EXTENSION ACTIVITY

Provide students with the "Olympian Fact File" worksheet. This assignment pairs nicely with the "Olympian Discovery" field trip activity and asks students to dive a little deeper into learning more about their assigned Olympian.

OLYMPIAN DISCOVERY ANSWER GUIDE

1932 Lake Placid Athletes

- **Sonja Henie**
 - Sport: Figure Skating, Individual Women
 - Medal: Gold
 - NOC: USA
- **Billy Fiske**
 - Sport: 4-Man Bobsled
 - Medal: Gold
 - NOC: USA
- **Fritzi Burger**
 - Sport: Figure Skating, Individual Women
 - Medal: Silver
 - NOC: Austria
- **Jack Shea**
 - Sport: Speed Skating
 - Medal: Gold – 1,500m & 500m
 - NOC: USA
- **Irving Jaffee**
 - Sport: Speed Skating
 - Medal: Gold – 10,000m & 5,000m
 - NOC: USA
- **Franklin Farrell**
 - Sport: Hockey
 - Medal: Silver
 - NOC: USA
- **Johan Grøttumsbråten**
 - Sport: Nordic Combined
 - Medal: Gold
 - NOC: Norway
- **Sven Utterström**
 - Sport: Cross Country
 - Medal: Gold – 18 km
 - NOC: Sweden
- **Kåre Walberg**
 - Sport: Ski Jumping
 - Medal: Bronze - Normal Hill
 - NOC: Norway

2010 Vancouver Athletes:

- **Andrew Weibrecht**
 - Sport: Alpine Skiing
 - Medal: Bronze - Super G
 - NOC: USA
- **Bill Demong**
 - Sport: Nordic Combined
 - Medal: Gold - Individual Sprint, Men
Silver - Team Event
 - NOC: USA

1980 Lake Placid Athletes

- **Manuela Mager**
 - Sport: Figure Skating, Pairs
 - Medal: Bronze
 - NOC: GDR
- **Hanni Wenzel**
 - Sport: Alpine Skiing
 - Medal: Gold - Slalom & Giant Slalom
Silver - Downhill
 - NOC: Liechtenstein
- **Robin Cousins**
 - Sport: Figure Skating, Individual Men
 - Medal: Gold
 - NOC: Great Britain
- **Vladislav Tretjak**
 - Sport: Ice Hockey
 - Medal: Silver
 - NOC: USSR
- **Ingemar Stenmark**
 - Sport: Alpine Skiing
 - Medal: Gold - Slalom & Giant Slalom
 - NOC: Sweden
- **Buzz Schneider**
 - Sport: Ice Hockey
 - Medal: Gold
 - NOC: USA
- **Eric Heiden**
 - Sport: Speed Skating
 - Medal: Gold – 500m, 1,000m, 1,500m, & 10,000m
 - NOC: USA
- **Leah Mueller**
 - Sport: Speed Skating
 - Medal: Silver - 500m & 1,000m
 - NOC: USA
- **Linda Fratianne**
 - Sport: Figure Skating, Individual Women
 - Medal: Silver
 - NOC: USA
- **Vera Zozula**
 - Sport: Luge, Singles
 - Medal: Gold
 - NOC: USSR
- **Helena Takalo**
 - Sport: Cross Country Skiing
 - Medal: Bronze - 10km
 - NOC: Finland

2002 Salt Lake City Athletes:

- **Andrea Henkel Burke**
 - Sport: Biathlon
 - Medal: Gold - 15km, 4x7.5km Relay
 - NOC: Germany

1998 Nagano Athletes:

- **Gordy Sheer**
 - Sport: Luge, Doubles
 - Medal: Silver
 - NOC: USA