

OLYMPIAN FACT FILE

This lesson will introduce students to very basic research skills and encourage them to learn more about different Olympic Athletes!

CONTEXT

There are thousands of Olympians from all over the world and they all have impressive stories to tell. Have students work individually and ask them to select an Olympian to research. This can be either Summer or Winter - it does not matter!

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Students will:

1. Integrate visual information (photographs) with other written information.
2. Use basic research to gather relevant information from multiple sources.
3. Develop an appreciation for Olympic history.

PROCEDURES

- Help students select an Olympian to research - it can be a Summer or Winter athlete!
- Have students work individually to complete their worksheet. The worksheet requires a photo of their selected Olympian, their name, sport, country, Olympic year(s) they competed in, and their medal count. It also asks students to draw their Olympian's country's flag and write down 3 interesting facts about their athlete.
- This activity requires basic internet research and can be completed at school if students do not have access to the internet at home.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Provide students with the "If I Were an Olympic Athlete" worksheet. This assignment pairs nicely with the "Olympian Fact File" activity and asks students to envision themselves as world class athletes, just like the ones they researched!