

OLYMPICS PROJECT AND PRESENTATION

The Modern Olympics, which began in 1896, have been influenced and changed by many political, social, and economic factors. For this project you will work in a group to research some of these influences and changes and present to the class a summary of your findings. Your presentation should be interesting and informative, and showcase the hard work you and your group did.

TOPICS:**How have the modern Olympics become more inclusive?**

There have been many changes to the events and rules of the competitions to include more women, minorities, and non-traditional sports. How did these changes come about, and have they made the Olympics better? Have any groups been hurt by these changes? What changes do you predict future Olympics will have that show more inclusive efforts?

How have politics and international relations affected the Olympics?

Armed conflicts, independence movements, nationalism, the Cold War, and other sources of international tension have affected the modern Olympics. What are some examples of these influences, and what were the causes and effects? Have individual athletes shown examples of these influences?

How have money and other economic factors affected the Olympics?

How much does it cost to host the Olympic games? Does the host country get their money's worth? How do athletes pay for all the training, equipment, travel and other expenses associated with Olympic participation? Now that the Olympics are broadcast on television all over the world, has that had an impact on the competition and other aspects of the games?

How are the Olympics affected by "doping" and other unfair or illegal methods of athletes gaining an advantage over their competition?

How can the Olympics make sure athletes are not using illegal or banned substances? What should the punishment be for an individual athlete or the country they represent if they are caught using a banned or illegal substance? What are ideas for how this problem can be solved or eliminated?

DIRECTIONS**GROUPS:**

Students will be divided into groups of four (some may consist of five, and those groups will be expected to provide more information for their presentation) to complete the project. Each group will be assigned one of the topics listed above. You will be expected to work collaboratively and cooperatively with your group, and each member of the groups will be evaluated by the other members of the group as part of the final project grade.

RESEARCH:

Each class will spend three days in the media center researching assigned topics. Mrs. Lewis in the media center has created a list of approved resources for groups to use to compile research. Dividing research responsibilities will be left to each group's individuals. Any research not completed in the three days given in the media center must be conducted on your own time. Any additional time (after the first three days) spent in the media center will be used to work on the second aspect of the project: the presentation. Research will be graded based on the inclusion of important people, places, and or/events related to your topic and your group's ability to answer the questions included with your topic.

PRESENTATION:

Each group will create a presentation using PowerPoint or Prezi. Presentations will be given in front of the class beginning Friday, 8/19. Presentation order will be determined randomly, but each group **MUST submit a completed presentation to me via email by 8:00 AM on August 19th**. All presentations will be graded on the following criteria:

1. Minimum of 6 slides – Maximum 10 slides
2. Each slide must contain pictures that coincide with the information being discussed.
3. Each slide can have **NO MORE THAN 10 WORDS!** It is the responsibility of the presenters to be informative and knowledgeable, not the slides.
4. Each picture must have a citation below it containing a URL where the picture originated. These citations are not included in the 10-word count.
5. Every member of the group must present at least one slide.

WORKS CITED:

Each group will turn in a list of sources used to compile research. This Works Cited page must include the following information from each source in the order seen below.

Author. "Article Title." *Journal/Magazine Title*. Name of Website/Database. Date Written. URL.

**One or more of these may be unavailable. Every article will be different.*

Citation Example:

Phillips, Dom. "Days Before the Olympics, Rio Families Say Goodbye to Their Homes." *The Washington Post*. August 2, 2016. https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/the-favela-next-to-rios-new-olympic-park-that-fought-to-survive-and-lost/2016/08/01/fc8496ce-55c2-11e6-b652-315ae5d4d4dd_story.html