

Australian Olympic Education Resource



OLYMPIC DAY

GREEK RESOURCES

LESSON 2 – Olympic Countries

DESCRIPTION:

In this lesson, students learn about the countries from around the world that have competed in previous Olympic Games. They then select countries to include in their own Olympic Day and create posters to support their team's country.

OUTCOMES:

This lesson contributes to the achievement of the following unit outcomes and students:

- Select and perform a variety of roles to organise, manage and participate in the planning and implementation of Olympic Day.
- Learn language associated with the countries involved in the Olympic Games.
- Create flags, posters and chats to support their team's country on Olympic Day.

SUGGESTED TIME:

60 minutes (this may be customised by increasing or reducing the time spent on class discussion, follow-up activities, homework etc).

WHAT YOU NEED:

- class copies of Student handouts
- scissors
- short video clip, photo or book related to an Olympic Games which depicts a range of countries
- international flags, food and clothing
- video or DVD player (if using video clip)
- a range of photos or diagrams of coloured flags from around the world

ONLINE RESOURCES:

olympics.com.au (Australian Olympic Committee website> Education>a.s.p.i.r.e. school network)

www.olympics.org (International Olympic Committee website)

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Countries

1. **Ask** the class to think of some of the countries that compete in the Olympic Games competition. **Work** with the class to brainstorm some names. **Expand** the discussion with a few questions:

- What cities/states/provinces in each country have hosted previous Olympic Games?

2. **Show** the class a map of the world and mark the cities/states/provinces in the host countries for the previous seven Olympic games.

Translate names of cities & countries (if appropriate, delete column if not necessary)

Year	Country	Χώρα	City	Πόλη
2008	China	Κίνα	Beijing	Πεκίνο
2004	Greece	Ελλάδα	Athens	Αθήνα
2000	Australia	Αυστραλία	Sydney	Σύδνεϋ
1996	USA	Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες Αμερικής (ΗΠΑ)	Atlanta	Ατλάντα
1992	Spain	Ισπανία	Barcelona	Βαρκελώνη
1988	Korea	Κορέα	Seoul	Σεούλ
1984	USA	Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες Αμερικής (ΗΠΑ)	Los Angeles	Λος Άντζελες

3. **Ask** students to match the country where the Olympics were held with the flag of that country and the year they held the Olympic Games using the Student Worksheet provided.

Teams for Olympic Day

1. **Ask** the class to think about the teams that will compete on Olympic Day. Introduce the idea of basing your competition on selected countries from around the world. If so, what are some of the issues involved? How many teams and countries would you need? How would you decide which countries to use? How easy are uniforms, flags and other materials to make or obtain?

2. **Decide** with the class which countries will compete on Olympic Day and allocate students to their teams. Eg. using house teams

3. **Ask** students to nominate one member of their class to be the official flag bearer for their country. This person will lead the team into the Opening Ceremony holding the flag of their team's country.

4. **Brainstorm** with students some chants they could use to cheer for their country in the target language. For example: Έλα!/Μπράβο!/Ζήτω η Αυστραλία!

5. Have some students **create** a flag to be used in the opening ceremony for their country. Other students could create posters to be used on Olympic Day to support their country in the competition. These could include some of the chants from above as well as cultural images of the country and the flag.



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Πού έγιναν οι παρακάτω Ολυμπιακοί Αγώνες;
Κόψτε χωριστά τις χρονιές, τις χώρες και τις σημαίες και κολλήστε τις σωστά στην επόμενη σελίδα.

2008	Ελλάδα	
2004	Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες Αμερικής	
2000	Ισπανία	
1996	Αυστραλία	
1992	Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες Αμερικής	
1988	Κίνα	
1984	Κορέα	



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Χρονιά	Χώρα	Σημαία

