



# OLYMPIC WORKSHEET



## I Olympic Athletes from Around the World

Choose one interesting athlete from each of the following regions and report on why you chose them.

Region	Person	Country	Sport	Reason
1. <u>Asia</u>	_____.	_____.	_____.	_____.
2. <u>Africa</u>	_____.	_____.	_____.	_____.
3. <u>Middle East</u>	_____.	_____.	_____.	_____.
4. <u>Latin America</u>	_____.	_____.	_____.	_____.
5. <u>Europe</u>	_____.	_____.	_____.	_____.

## II Scandals and Controversies

During the Olympics, find two examples of scandals or controversies.

Name	Country	Scandal or controversy
1. _____.	_____.	_____.
2. _____.	_____.	_____.




## III Trans-National Athletes and Coaches

Some countries hire, steal, import or borrow athletes from other countries to help them win Olympic medals. Find two examples of athletes in one country's team who are actually from another country.

Name	Sport	Olympic Country	Original country
eg <i>Marcus Tanaka</i>	<i>soccer</i>	<i>Japan</i>	<i>Brazil</i>
1. _____.	_____.	_____.	_____.
2. _____.	_____.	_____.	_____.

## IV Olympic Flags

During the Olympic Games, you can see the national flag of many different nations. Choose 3 interesting flags, draw them in the boxes below and research what their patterns stand for.

Country	Flag	Meaning
1. _____.		_____.
2. _____.		_____.
3. _____.		_____.

## V Beijing 2008 - Olympic Data Box

Research the following data about the Beijing Olympics and write the answers in the blanks.

Number of countries taking part	
Number of sports	
Number of athletes	
Number of security forces	
Number of Olympic torch carriers	
Number of TV viewers worldwide	

## VI Matching: Sports and Countries

Match the countries on the left below with the sports on the right that they're strong in.

▪ India		▪ weightlifting
▪ China		▪ running
▪ Turkey		▪ grass hockey
▪ Cuba		▪ judo
▪ Kenya		▪ table tennis
▪ Korea		▪ baseball
▪ Japan		▪ archery

## VII Rate the Media in Your Country

In some countries, the media (TV, radio, newspapers) only show Olympic news about athletes from "our" nation. In other countries, the media make an effort to show athletes from around the world and to promote international understanding. Use the chart below to rate the media in your country.

Questions	Bad					Good					
1. Does the media only focus on "our" athletes?	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	
2. Does the media ignore sports that "our" athletes aren't in?	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	
3. Does the media take an "us vs. them" approach to each event?	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	
4. Does the media show "our" opponents as faceless rivals?	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	
5. Does the media try to profile athletes from other nations?	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	
6. Does the media try to inform viewers about foreign countries?	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	
7. Does the media show the best athletes/performances in each sport?	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	
8. Does the media try to promote international understanding?	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	
Your average score for the media coverage in your country =											
					/	5					%

## VIII Who Should I Cheer For?

During the Olympics, many people only cheer for their own country. For a change, try out one or more of the following cheering styles. Then, report on what you did and how you felt.

<b>Good plays</b>	Cheer only for good plays or performances, regardless of the country.
<b>Sister country</b>	Cheer for the country of your sister school, sister city or sister state.
<b>Neighbor country</b>	Cheer for neighbor countries – the nations located next to your own country.
<b>Small countries</b>	Cheer for small or poor countries – they're the ones that need extra help.
<b>Underdog</b>	Cheer for the underdog – the country that's behind and needs most support.
<b>Half &amp; half</b>	Cheer for your country in the first half of the match, then cheer for the other country in the second half of the match.
<b>Janken</b>	Do janken with your family or friends. The winners cheer for one team, the losers cheer for the other.
<b>Day by day</b>	Cheer for a different country each day of the Olympics.
<b>Random</b>	Take out a world map, close your eyes, then put your finger down on the map at random. Check which country you pointed to, then cheer for that country.

**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_ . **Your country:** \_\_\_\_\_ .