Winter Olympics Projects K–6

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The Winter Olympics in Sochi bring the best and most dedicated athletes from 16 countries to compete in front of 1.8 billion people worldwide. The games can be a platform for teaching and learning. This lesson suggests simple ways to capture the energy of the history-making events!

Quick Project Ideas

TikaTok Tip
Check out the collection of StorySpark projects at TikaTok.com. Search by Project Type to find Documentary, Instruction, Letter-Writing, or Careers.

Becoming Olympics Experts
Ask each student to choose a favorite Winter Olympic sport and explain the rules to someone who has never seen it. They should explain equipment used, scoring, and so on. The student-expert and the “newcomer” can create drawings and photos to illustrate their ideas.

Seen on the Scene
Activity: Being a Journalist
Invite students to view the Olympics from a new perspective—a reporter capturing the action. Distribute the “Being a Journalist” graphic on page 2. How is the event played? Who are the strong players? How are points scored?
Have students listen for interviews, or read them in class. Every good article has a quote or two! Teams of “journalists” can then organize their writing into a “Winter Olympics Magazine”—complete with illustrations. Use the “Class Magazine” StorySpark at TikaTok.com, or create a folded paper zine.

Activity: Blog All About It!
Invite students to start a real or mock Olympics blog online. Each morning they write a “post” for their “blog.” Present a new Olympics prompt or topic each day. Have students assemble their writing in a journal or digital book to share with other classes.

Story Prompts and Projects

• New Sports
Ski half pipe and luge relay are new events at the Sochi games. Give students the opportunity to create a new sport for the Olympics. Use the “How It Works” StorySpark on TikaTok.com or a loose-leaf “Rule Book.”

• My Favorite Sport / Favorite Athlete
We all have a favorite sport or game that gets us excited and energized! Ask: What is your favorite sport? Why? Is there an Olympic athlete you admire? Why?

• "Cool Careers"
Athletes are not the only “players” at the Olympics. Brainstorm all the jobs involved. Assign one career per student. Collect their descriptions in the “Cool Careers” StorySpark at TikaTok.com

• Ask an Expert
As students learn about the Olympics, questions and observations naturally arise. Use the “Ask an Expert” or “Our Heroes!” letter-writing projects on TikaTok.com as a forum for ideas.

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Instructions: Stand on the sidelines at a sporting event. Write a description of the sport. Answer the 5 W’s and research player quotes. Compile your writing into a sports article that you would find in a local news source.

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