



The Olympics Upgraded

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Sports
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Introduction

The Olympics have traditionally included only certain sports. In this writing prompt, students will have the opportunity explain what sports they would recommend to be added to the Olympics.

Learning Objectives

- ([CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.9-10.2](#)) Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
- ([CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.9-10.2.B](#)) Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

Materials Needed

- Access to technology (introduction video)
- Paper/electronic tablet/laptop (for composing a writing piece)

Procedure

1. Introduce this topic by showing [this video](#).
2. After reviewing the video, challenge the students to think about established sports and new sports that they would like to be included in the Olympics. The students are to write an essay on the following writing prompt.

Writing Prompt: Write about a sport that you would like to be included in the Olympics. This sport can be an established sport or a new sport. Your essay should clearly share why this sport should be added to the Olympics.

Evaluation

Use a rubric to evaluate this essay. The rubric should rate the organization, level of elaboration, and use of conventions. [Here is a sample rubric](#).