
Beijing Olympic Teaching Materials?

Posted by tommyk - 2008/07/05 21:58

Hi there, I'm just looking for some materials for teaching about Beijing Olympics, I've got a class plan to make but not sure what kind of materials I should use. I did a google search and found a few little things, mostly just the olympic website itself. But I found some translated stuff about beijing olympics here which is cool cause its got chinese characters in it too, its called lazyteach.com

does anyone know of some places to find some info about specific athletes?
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Re:Beijing Olympic Teaching Materials?

Posted by admin - 2008/07/10 02:29

Hi,

Have you thought about having your students actually make the materials? You could bring in some construction paper, and have your students draw and cut out the different types of athletes, and the different athletic sports that will be featured in the Olympics.

This would not only build their vocabulary, as far as what the athletes are called in English, and you focus in on what sports they do and the action verbs that the athlete does.

You could also use it to teach about winning, losing, sportsmanship etc. The types of clothing, different countries and a whole lot more.

That's what is so great about the Olympics. It opens so many doors. Let us know how you did.

And if anyone finds, or knows of some resources out there, please let us know.

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Re:Beijing Olympic Teaching Materials?

Posted by nitromike - 2008/11/23 12:52

Hello all I got a solid 2 months using the Olympics in all my classes at all levels. I started with a picture of every sport involved that I easily googled . I would show a picture of say a swimmer doing the backstroke and then the same picture with the word BACKSTROKE superimposed using PPT in a second frame . By doing that I had all levels of students familiar with the name for all sports involved.

Then when the opening ceremony happened it completely overshadowed the games themselves. It was easy to do a 2-3 hour class just showing the awesome pictures of all the scenes in the ceremony. Most importantly I was able to get the students using superlative synonyms based on every slide from PPT. In the end it was unanimous that we decided to coin new words using BEIJIING or a derivative and then shortening any of the thousands of synonyms that meant "better than great: like "JINGTASTIC" Beijing and fantastick since we really could not decide on an existing superlative that actually described the greatness of the ceremony My best line was WWOWWWWWWWWW in a deep bellowing voice. We always started the class discussing each persons highlight of the previous days games most memorable event.Like Phelps medal drive etc. Its too bad we couldnt have the Olympics year round , what great material it provided. I also in more advanced classes taught words associated with a production of that size, Costume designers, Choreography, musical director etc.

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