

Curriculum Standards

- ▶ Reading Comprehension– read and understand grade level appropriate material and draw upon a variety of comprehension strategies as needed
- ▶ Organization & Delivery of Oral Communication– organize ideas chronologically or around major points of information
- ▶ Organization & Delivery of Oral Communication– provide a beginning, a middle and an end, including concrete details
- ▶ Organization & Delivery of Oral Communication– use clear and specific vocabulary to communicate ideas and establish the tone

Resources

- Videotape of various winter sports, one with sound, one without sound
- [Share the Olympic Dream](#), The United States Olympic Committee Curriculum Guide. Griffin Publishing
- [Http://www.aafla.org](http://www.aafla.org)
- [Http://www.sl2002.org](http://www.sl2002.org)
- [Http://www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org)
- Sports magazines and newspapers

You're the Reporter

Introduction:

- ◆ Ask children to list as many winter sports they can think of. (list on board)
- ◆ Ask children to list as many sounds of those sports they can think of. (whoosh, shhhhh, crunch, etc.)
- ◆ View the videotape without sound.

Through:

- ◆ The Olympic Games are televised all over the world. News reporters have to describe what is going on at the events so that people understand what is happening.
- ◆ In small groups, pretend that you are the news team assigned to cover the event you just viewed. Write the newscast to go along with that footage. Ask the reporter questions: Who? What? Where? When? How? And Why? Use descriptive words to help others understand what is happening.
- ◆ Show the video footage again. Have each group present its newscast.
- ◆ Have each group critique the other's work.
- ◆ Show the video footage with sound. Was the group presentation better than the television reporter? Why or why not?

Beyond: Extensions

- ◆ Have each group demonstrate and explain the position of the athlete's body in their chosen sport.
- ◆ Research other Olympic sports.
- ◆ Report on school sports events or create an entire scripted news show.