

Geography Lesson Ideas to Use During the Olympics:

For the geography lesson plans the student will be doing multiple activities having to do with other countries. I suggest using the top 10 medal winning countries from the 2006 Torino Winter Olympics but you could also wait and use medal winners from the 2010 Games or you could choose other countries that you are interested in your student learning about. The winners from the 2006 Olympics are as follows: Germany, USA, Canada, Austria, Russia, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, South Korea, and Italy.

Note that this site will allow you to see what each country's flag looks like:

www.worldatlas.com/webimage/flags/flagcnty.htm

And this site provides excellent country map outlines for printing:

www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/

Pre K – 2nd grade

- Using the countries you have chosen have the student color each country's flag accurately.
- With assistance, help the student locate the countries on a world map. You could also allow them to color in the countries on a world map. Talk about which continent the countries are on.
- Locate Vancouver, Canada on a map.

3rd-5th grade

- Using the countries you have chosen have the student color each country's flag accurately.
- Using the same countries, find the countries on a world map. With a copy of a world/continent map have student color in each country. (If you have a student that likes art they could draw the countries from scratch.)
- Have student fill out a fact sheet on each of their chosen countries. (Blank fact sheets available at www.scottosplace.com.)
- Country – Continent Match Worksheet (Available at www.scottosplace.com.)

6th-8th grade

- Could have this age group color the country flags as well.
- Using the countries you have picked, have the student find the countries on a world map. With a copy of a world/continent map have student color in each country. Also have the student locate the capital of each country and label it on the map. For more work you could have the student label the countries and capitals which border their chosen countries.
- Have student research each country and write a 1-2 paragraph paper on it. Information that should be included is the countries name, population, capitol city, major cities and continent it is located on. Also, try to include other interesting facts and how many medals the country won in the 2006 Winter Olympics, if the country has hosted an Olympics before and when, and famous athletes from that country. (If you have a student who doesn't like writing they could fill in the country fact sheet instead.)
- Have student research and write a paragraph on the host city, Vancouver, Canada.