

Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame Sports Heritage Education Program

Lesson Ideas for Grades 9 to 12

History

Lesson: Research Essay and/or presentation: Have students present and/or write an essay about various aspects of sports history from the local to the world level. Examples of possible topics include:

1. How the Olympics have changed from the Ancient Greek period to the modern-day Olympics.
2. A biographical study on an Olympian or Paralympian from northwestern Ontario.
3. The origins of a particular sport and its development over the years.

Ancient Greek History Lesson

Olympics Games during the Ancient Greek period compared to the modern-day Olympics

Learning Expectations:

- The study of current events needs to be thought of not as a separate topic removed from the program but as an integral extension of the expectations found in the curriculum.
- Demonstrate an understanding of classical history.

Activity:

- Have the students present and/or write a research essay on one of the following research topics which illustrate how the Olympics Games have evolved from the Ancient Greek period to the modern day. Students must include, for example information, pictures and resources.

Possible Research Topics:

- The oath
- The athletes
- The sports
- The country's participation
- The Olympic Committee
- Symbolic Representation
- Olympic Rings
- Olympics Torch

This lesson can be either modified or adjusted depending on grade level.