

6. When did the modern Olympic games begin? Where were they held?

7. Why are the Winter and Summer Games held at different times?

8. Why did the United States boycott the 1980 Olympics?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. Do you care about the Olympics? Why or why not? Why do you think they resonate with so many people?

2. How else does the international community come together besides war and sports?

3. Why are the Games often politicized?

4. Do you think that the Olympics should continue or are they a relic of an old world order?

5. Research other defining moments in Olympic history—why are they important?

Check out our Olympic lesson plan [here](#).

Extension Activity

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.