



SPORT IN AMERICA (SPTS 141)
SPORTS WORLDS: OLYMPIC ANALYSIS REPORT

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Purpose of Assignment: The purpose of this report is to explore the connection between sports and politics. With a partner of your choice, you will examine the ways in which sport can be used for political gain and analyze the political mobilization of an Olympiad of your choice (each pair must select a **different** Olympiad). **The report earning the highest grade will be published on the British Library's Olympic Resources Website in London, UK.**

Guidelines for Assignment: You will submit one report each. The minimum length of this report is 3,000 words. The maximum length is 4,000 words. This assignment is worth 100 points and should contain the following sections (use these subheadings to structure your report):

1. Introduction (10 points)

Introduce the content and aims of your report. Identify your chosen Olympiad and explain your choice. Identify and provide examples of the 5 political uses of sport. Engage the reader.

2. History of the Olympics Games (10 points)

Provide a *brief* overview of the history of the Olympic Games. Describe why the Modern Games were established and identify the key people responsible. Compare and contrast the aims, objectives and structure of the ancient and modern Olympics.

3. The Political Climate of the [insert year] Games (15 points)

What had been going on in the world prior to the Games? Provide a detailed description of the political climate of your chosen Olympiad.

4. The Political Agenda of the [insert year] Games (30 points)

How were your chosen Games used for political gain? Describe, in detail, the events of your chosen Olympics and how they were handled. Connect to *at least one* of the political uses of sport discussed in your introduction.

5. Sport, Politics and the [insert year] Olympics: Impact and Consequences (15 points)

What were the consequences of these events? Reflect on the significance of the events that occurred for a) the political climate b) the Olympics.

6. Conclusion (10 points)

Summarize the major points of your report. Reflect on the relationship between sports and politics and provide possible reasons for, and consequences of, the continued connection between the two.

Grammar/Presentation (10 points)

Your report should be free of writing errors, include transitions between major concepts, contain properly structured sentences and paragraphs, be presented as requested in the course handbook.

Presentation of Assignment: See course handbook.

Deadline: 1pm on **Tuesday 22nd February 2011** via class Sakai site only.