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2012 Olympic Games



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Situation

Having won the bid to host the 2012 Olympics in The United Kingdom, the emphasis is now on developing facilities and infrastructure to cope with such a huge international event. The government is aware that the Olympic Games will have a greater effect, good or bad, in some places.

Task

In pairs you need to research the likely, foreseen effects of the Olympic Games in a place of your choice. You may decide to focus on a place that will be hosting a particular aspect of the Olympic Games or you may decide to focus on an area that will only be indirectly affected by the Olympic Games.

Having gathered your information you need to write a letter to the Mayor of your chosen place. Your letter needs to inform the Mayor of the good *and* the bad effects of the Olympic Games for the area and how you think this will change the place and affect local people. You should also include suggestions about what could be done to further support local people and your own thoughts on the matter.

Resources You will Need:

Levelling Grid

Access to the internet

Resource Sheet B5 - Using Sources

Resource Sheet C5 - Plan

Resource Sheet D5 - How the 2012 Olympics May Change a Place

Resource Sheet E5 - Writing Frame

Time Allowed

You will have **two** lessons and **two** homeworks for this assessment. You will need to use your first homework time to gather information from the internet and to complete your table of 'Possible Effects of The 2012 Olympic Games' (Resource Sheet D5). **It is your responsibility to arrive to your second lesson with all of your research done and your table completed.**

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You will Need to Hand In

Your completed letter

Your Plan - Resource Sheet C5.

A list of sources that you used which could be Resource Sheet B.

How The 2012 Olympic Games May Change a Place - Resource Sheet D5

Use of Sources

As you look up information remember to make a note of the title, author, and date it was published and some notes about whether you think that your information is biased in anyway. Think about whom it is produced by, the focus of the information and when it was produced. All these things can influence bias. You could use resource Sheet B. You will need to hand this in.

Geography Assessment Criteria

You will be assessed on the key concepts of:

- Place
- Changing Physical and Human Processes
- Environmental Interaction

You will be assessed on the key processes of:

- Enquiry Skills
- Use of Evidence
- Presentation
- Making conclusions
- Geographical communication

Use your levelling grid to work out what you actually need to do for your target level.

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Preparation Work

1. Decide who you are going to work with for your research.
2. Decide on the place (city, town or region) that you will be researching about.
3. Go through your classwork on the topic and make notes on the foreseen good and the bad effects of the Olympic Games in the place of your choice (complete Resource Sheet D5).
4. Research on the internet about the Olympic Games on the foreseen good and the bad effects of the Olympic Games in the area (add to Resource Sheet D5). You may find the following sites useful.

www.london2012.com

www.northlondon.org.uk

www.guardian.co.uk

www.wikipedia.org

5. Discuss the good and bad effects that the Olympics are likely to have on your chosen place.
6. Decide whether or not you think the Olympics will have a good or bad affect overall on your chosen place. You must be able to give lots of reasons for your decision.

Useful Vocabulary

benefits	core	gentrification	migration	stadium
biodiversity	costs	income	multiplier effect	social
brownfield site	deindustrialisation	infrastructure	periphery	sustainable
census	deprivation	imagination	political	trickle-down
change	development	inspiration	regeneration	vision
compensation	economic	investment	risk	
	environmental	location		

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Writing Styles

You will need to use persuasive writing. Remember that you are writing to create high impact so alter the length of sentences and change between first and third person; you could use some humour to make your point but make sure that it is appropriate. You could include pictures to illustrate your points. Counter-arguments will also work well. Use a lot of geographical vocabulary for nouns, verbs and adjectives. Make your writing flow well by using emphasis connectives. Be careful with the tense of your writing as you will most probably be alternating between past, present and future. Use the Writing Frame to help you (Resource Sheet E5).

You each have to write a letter. Your letter will need:

- 1) To be set out as a formal letter with addresses set out properly and with an appropriate start and finish.
- 2) An introduction that states you are writing your letter to make the Mayor further aware of the changes that the 2012 Olympics will be bringing.
- 3) Detailed facts to support your arguments about the possible benefits and problems that the Olympic Games may cause.
- 4) Suggestions to further improve the area.
- 5) Your own thoughts on the matter.
- 6) A conclusion that summaries your arguments, suggestions and point of view.

Useful Connectives

Connectives for Emphasis

most of all
mostly
mainly
significantly

Connectives for Logic

As a result of
However
Therefore