

Aurora Sports Hall of Fame

Lesson Ideas for Grades 3-4

Language Arts

Lesson: Writing a letter to a Sports Hall of Fame Honoured Member: Have students write a letter to an Aurora Sports Hall of Fame Honoured Member.

Included: Table of various Sports Hall of Fame Honoured Members and letter template.

Lesson: “Acrostic Poem”: Students will write an acrostic poem about their favourite sport or athlete.

Included: Acrostic Poem template.

Lesson: “I Nominate...”: Have the students pick a sports figure from Aurora to nominate into the Sports Hall of Fame.

Included: “I Nominate...” template.

Language Arts/Social Studies

Lesson: Research Assignment: Sports Hall of Fame Honoured Members: Have students research an Aurora Sports Hall of Fame Honoured Member.

Included: Table of various Sports Hall of Fame Honoured Members.

Social Studies

Lesson: “Tracing the Evolution of Sports Equipment”: Students will research a piece of sports equipment and sketch how it looked in the past, what it looks like in the present, and what it might look like in the future.

Included: Tracing the Evolution of Sports Equipment template.

Collections Canada :

<https://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/hockey/kids/024003-2000-e.html>

Lesson: Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games (National Flag): Students will research to find out which nations competed at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics. The students can also locate the countries competing on a world map and glue the proper flag on the country.

Included: National Flags activity template.

Mathematics

Lesson: Math Attack*Ice Hockey: Students will calculate based on the top three medal standings in ice hockey, the total number of points each country has received from 1920-2014. Have the students plot their findings from the table onto the corresponding graph.

Included: Ice Hockey activity template, graph, and answer key.

Lesson: "Who is your favourite Canadian NHL/NHL team?": Have students conduct a survey to find out their classmates' favourite Canadian NHL and/or NHL teams. Have the students plot their findings from the table onto the corresponding graph.

Included: Canadian NHL/NHL team data sheets and graphs.

Art

Lesson: "Make your own Olympic Torch": Make an Olympic Torch for the upcoming Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang Korea 2018. Included: Poster of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch.

Grade 3-4 Language Lesson

Writing a Letter to a Sports Hall of Fame Honoured Member

Learning Expectations:

- Make revisions to improve the content, clarity, and interest of their written work.
- Produce a revised draft piece of writing to meet identified criteria based on the expectations related to the content, organization, style, and use of conventions.

Included:

- Table of various Sports Hall of Fame Honoured Members.
- Letter template.

Activity:

- Write a letter to one of the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame Honoured Members.

Steps to writing a letter:

1. Pick a person(s) to whom you would like to write a letter
2. Read his/her biography on the Hall of Fame website.
3. Brainstorm some of your ideas that you would like to include in your letter.
4. Write a rough draft of your letter.
5. Edit your rough draft.
6. Create a final draft of your letter.
7. Send your letter to the Honoured Member.

Honoured Member	Category	Sport	Year of Induction
Brian Stemmler	athlete	alpine skiing	2013
Harry (Hap) Holmes	athlete	hockey	2013
James Elder	athlete	equestrian	2013
Frank Stronach	builder	arenas, parks, fields, pools	2013
Carolyn (Cal) Bouchard	athlete	basketball	2013
Robert Bedard	athlete	tennis	1913
Norm Stunden	coach	softball	2014
Greg Hotham	athlete	hockey	2014
Ed McNally	athlete	soccer	2014
Bruce Stafford	coach/builder	volleyball	2014
Ben Steenhorst	builder	soccer	2014
Peter Miller	builder	all sports	2014
Alex Ansell	builder	hockey	2014
Mark Heese	athlete	beach volleyball	2015
Ken Sinclair	builder	tennis	2015
Lowell McClenny	media	media award	2015
Alan Dean	builder	soccer/parasports	2015
Mike Murphy	athlete/coach	hockey	2016
Mike Kitchen	coach	hockey	2016
Sheldon Galbraith	coach	figure skating	2016
Karen Stemmler	athlete	alpine skiing	2016



Grade 3-4 Language Lesson

Acrostic Poem

Learning Expectation:

- Identify the topic, purpose, audience, and form for writing.

Included:

- “My Acrostic Poem” template.

Activity:

- Have the students write an Acrostic Poem about their favourite sport or athlete. They should use words associated with the sport or athlete of their choice.
- Example provided below.

ATHLETE

A- Arena
T- Trophy
H- Home Run
L- Long Distance
E- Equipment
T- Triathlon
E- Exercise

Grade 3-4 Language Lesson

“I Nominate...”

Learning Expectations:

- Make revisions to improve the content, clarity, and interest of their written work.

Included:

- “I Nominate...” template.

Lesson:

- Explain to the students that the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame is a celebration of sport history and excellence, dedicated to the recognition of the important place that sport has assumed within the fabric of Aurora. The Sports Hall of Fame continues to grow and give back to the community by preserving and celebrating sports heritage.
- Every year, Athletes, Builders/Contributor, and Coaches are inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at the Annual Induction Ceremony which celebrates their accomplishments in sports. Their names are then engraved onto a plaque and put on display in the Hall of Fame at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex.

Activity:

- Have the students research a sports figure from Aurora Ontario that they wish could be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame.
- A recipient must have direct connection to Aurora as defined by the following criteria:
 - Was born in Aurora, or
 - Was raised or spent his or her formative years in Aurora, or
 - Achieved his or her athletic prominence in Aurora, or
 - Made his or her contributions to athletics and sports in Aurora

Grade 3-4 Language/Social Studies Lesson

Research Assignment: Aurora Sports Hall of Fame Honoured Member

Learning Expectations:

- Demonstrate understanding of a variety of texts by summarizing important ideas and citing supporting details.
- Gather information to support ideas for writing, using a variety of strategies and a range of print and electronic resources.
- Sort and classify ideas and information for their writing in a variety of ways.
- Draft and revise their writing, using a variety of informational, literary, and graphic forms, along with stylistic elements appropriate for the purpose and audience.
- Communicate the results of their inquiries using appropriate vocabulary

Included:

- Table of various Sports Hall of Fame honoured members.
- Placemat Template

Activity:

Research one of the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame honoured members.

Consider the following:

Name:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Sport(s):

Awards won:

Fun Fact:

With the information that has been gathered, have the students create a Placemat about the athlete they have researched. Organize all information about the athlete include pictures if possible. Prepare a short presentation of the Placemat to the class.

Following this lesson is a table with some of the Sports Hall of Fame honoured members. For a complete list, come visit the Sports Hall of Fame or visit the Sports Hall of Fame website

<https://aurorashof.ca/>

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Grade 3-4 Social Studies Lesson

Tracing the Evolution of Sports Equipment

Learning Expectations:

- Identify key components of the Canadian Identity
- Interpret and analyse information and data related to their investigations

Included:

- Tracing the Evolution of Sports Equipment template.
- The First Hockey puck from the Original Hockey Hall of Fame in Kingston.

Lesson:

- Have the students pick a piece of sporting equipment from the Sports Hall of Fame or through research and find out the original look of the equipment.

Activity:

- The students will sketch the original look of the sports equipment, along with the way it looks in the present day. (*see photo of original hockey puck*)
- Then the students can be as creative as they want to sketch what they think the equipment will look like in the future. (eg. *What will a hockey puck of the future look like?*)

Tracing the Evolution of Sports Equipment

1. Find a piece of sports equipment from the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame, online; or in a book, and sketch it in the space below. For example, Harry (Hap) Holmes' goalie pads.
2. Then, sketch how the same sports equipment appears today.
3. Next, sketch how you think the sports equipment might look like in the future.

The Past

The Present

The Future

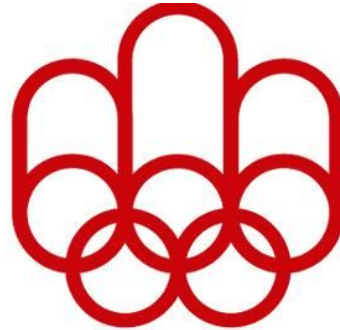


THE FIRST HOCKEY PUCK

Lacrosse is one of the oldest team sports in North America. It has its origins in a tribal game played by **Eastern Woodlands First Nations** peoples around the Great Lakes. The first hockey puck in Canada can be seen in the Original Hockey Hall of Fame in Kingston. It is a lacrosse ball that was shaved off and flattened so that it would slide along the ice. In 1843 a British Army officer in Kingston, Ontario wrote, "Began to skate this year, improved quickly and had great fun at hockey on the ice." This was the first time anyone wrote about playing ice hockey in Canada and this is why some people believe Ice Hockey was first played in the city of Kingston Ontario!

Canada hosting the Olympics

Canada hosted its first Olympics in 1976 in Montreal.



Canada hosted the Olympics in 1988 in Calgary.



Canada hosted its third Olympics
in 2010 in Vancouver.



Grade 3 - 4 Art Lesson

“Make your own Olympic Torch”

Learning Expectation:

- Create two-dimensional and three-dimensional works of art that express feelings and ideas inspired by personal experiences.

Included:

- Poster of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch.

Activity:

- With a piece of 11 inch x 14 inch construction paper (any colour), wrap the paper until you make it into a cone shape.
- Write CANADA along the torch vertically (if desired).

- With red, yellow, and orange tissue paper, glue or tape the tissue paper into the inside of the construction paper (torch) to make it look like a flame. Cut the tissue paper to give it more of a flame effect.
- Decorate the torch (if desired).

Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch



