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## Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

The Australian Olympic team will represent our country in the upcoming Beijing Games. Athletes are completing their final preparations before the games begin in August. These competitors will put years of training into play when they compete in their events.

Over the years we have witnessed triumphs and tribulations as the athletes pursue their dreams of winning an Olympic gold medal. Olympic champions Ian Thorpe and Cathy Freeman burst onto the world scene with great success at the games, and will forever be part of Australian sporting history.

We have a range of resources dealing with athletes' preparations, expectations and concerns heading into the Beijing games. [Insight: Going to China](#) and [60 Minutes](#) investigate these areas. [Olympic Journey: The Road To Beijing](#) details an athlete's life in China during the build up to the Beijing Olympics

Present your students with the Beijing Olympic experience, through [Beijing 2008: Opening The Gates To The East](#) and [Made In China](#). These programs explore Beijing and the Olympic stadiums, while also taking a sneak peek at the opening ceremony rehearsals.

The Australian women's football team missed qualification to the games but never gave up on their dreams, making it to the FIFA women's quarterfinals. [Never Say Die Matildas](#) highlights sheer determination and pride. There is also an accompanying [study guide](#) available.

The opportunity to be a part of an Olympic team is a great honour. But like any sporting team, disagreements may arise. [Australian Story: She's Not There](#) deconstructs one of the greatest controversies of Olympic history.

Athletes are always on the hunt for the x-factor to help them achieve their sporting aspirations. Some have pushed the boundaries to far through the use of drugs. Help educate your students on the use of drugs in sport. [Dope: The Battle For The Soul Of Sport](#) shows how a group of anti doping scientists attempt to catch drug cheats. There is also a [study guide](#) available for this program.

[Catalyst: Olympics Special](#) investigates the new performance enhancing method of gene doping. The program also examines the contribution made by scientists at the Australian Institute of Sport, towards Australian Olympic teams.

[Talking Heads: Forbes Carlile](#) features an interview with the coaching legend and swimming pioneer. [Olympia: Myth And Truth](#) compares the Ancient Olympians techniques to that of the modern day athlete.

EnhanceTV has a range of free study guides and feature articles available on the Olympic games, to assist in educating your students. [Salute](#), [The games: from Olympia to Athens](#) and [Drugs in sport: the tip of the iceberg](#) are just some of the resources available.

For a complete list of resources, visit our [online store](#).

