

Title: **Stratford and the 2012 Olympics**

Level: KS3 Geography

Enquiry question: Was Stratford a good place to choose for the 2012 Olympics?

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

- Describe the main features in Stratford, and its location in relation to other parts of London
- Assess how well Stratford meets the IOC's criteria for hosting the Olympics

Geographical skills

- Locate features on a map from an oblique aerial view
- Interpret transport timetables to complete maps of routes and destinations
- Carry out a survey of people's support for the Olympics in Stratford
- Complete a sketch to envision a future for the Olympic Park

Learning outcomes

Most students will be able to:

- Decide whether Stratford is a good place to hold the Olympics or not
- Relate places seen from an oblique aerial view to locations on a map
- Assess Stratford's accessibility from transport timetables and maps
- Assess the level of support for the Olympics in Stratford among local residents
- Consider a range of possible legacy uses of the Olympic Stadium and Park

Introduction 1 hour

Meet at Stratford Library. Introduce Stratford using a large 3D model, locating the places to be visited during the day.

Read about the IOC's criteria for an Olympic host city – a suitable site, good transport, a lasting legacy and local support. Explain the purpose of the fieldwork is to assess how well Stratford meets each of these criteria. Introduce the assessment sheet.

Study a selection of historical maps to understand how Stratford has changed and what the area that is now the Olympic Park used to be like. Walk to tower block viewing platform.

Resources

3D model of Stratford

Sheet 1. IOC standards

Sheet 2. Was Stratford a good place to choose for the 2012 Olympics?

Historical maps

Sheet 3. History of the Olympic Park Site

Fieldwork 5 hours, including lunch

Venue 1: Olympic Park viewing platform, tower block

Admire view and listen to Newham 2012 presentation. Identify features on the London skyline visible from viewpoint and locate them on an outline map. Complete outline map of the Olympic Park. Walk to Stratford town centre.

Olympic Park viewing platform

Sheet 4. London landmarks

Sheet 5. Olympic Park

Venue 2: Stratford town centre

Carry out a survey of local people to find out the level of support for the Olympics.

Sheet 6. Olympic survey

Venue 3: Stratford station

Interpret train timetables, marking journey times and destinations on an outline map. Take DLR train to Pudding Mill Lane station.

Sheet 7. Journeys + times from Stratford

Venue 4: Olympic stadium

Look at Olympic Stadium and discuss possible legacy uses of the stadium and park. Consider the views of local people from Stratford town centre survey. Use ideas to complete a sketch to envision the future of the Olympic Park.

Sheet 8. Olympic Park 2020

Plenary 30 minutes

Feedback findings from each of the four venues. Complete assessment sheet. How well did Stratford meet each of the IOC criteria to host the Olympics? What are the main strengths and weaknesses?