

# Unit 4: A Transformation: America through Historical Moments

Content Area: **Social Studies**  
Course(s): **Sports and Society**  
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## **Transfer**

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America has been transformed by significant moments in sports.

## **Enduring Understandings**

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Sports can have a broad impact on social climate.

Sports have been interlaced with political events on the World stage.

## **Essential Questions**

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How has social climate changed as a result of major sporting events?

In what ways has America been affected socially through sports?

How have International politics affected the sports world?

What changes have occurred in American culture due to the success and popularity of sports?

## **Content**

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### Vocabulary

Black September, International Olympic Committee, Hostage Crisis, Israeli Special Forces, Russian Red Army, Lake Placid, Race Riots, 8 mile, 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup, Zaire, "Rumble in the Jungle"

## People

Golda Meir, Muhammad Ali, George Foreman, Andre Spitzer, Herb Brooks, Denny McLain, Bob Gibson, Mickey Lolich, Gates Brown, Willy Horton, Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain, Joy Fawcett, Christine Lily, Michelle Ackers

## **Skills**

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Assess the Munich Olympic tragedy of 1972 and how it relates to present day terrorism.

Examine the 1980 Olympic Hockey games and how they impacted the Cold War.

Evaluate the importance of the Ali vs. Foreman fight in 1972.

Trace the growth of female athletics as a result of the 1999 Women's World Soccer Cup.

Evaluate the impact of the 1968 Detroit Tigers Baseball World Championship.

## **Standards**

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SOC.6.1.12	U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.
SOC.6.1.12.D.5.d	Relate varying immigrants' experiences to gender, race, ethnicity, or occupation.
SOC.6.2.12.D.5.c	Assess the influence of television, the Internet, and other forms of electronic communication on the creation and diffusion of cultural and political information, worldwide.