



Social Studies Virtual Learning

10th/World History

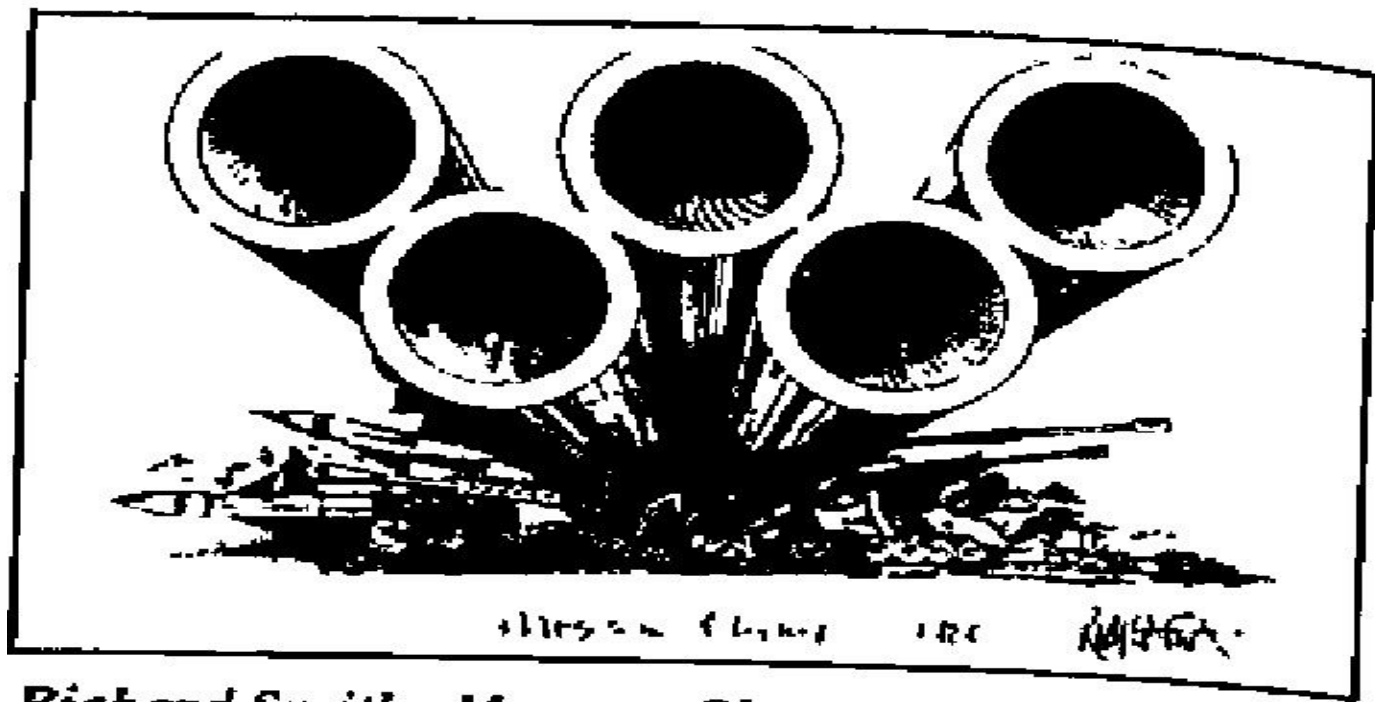
TARGET: I can explain the events of the 1980 Olympics and how it represented a global conflict.

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Lesson 33

Warm Up

As you examine the cartoon, what feelings do you have about the 1980 Olympics?



Richard Smith: Moscow Olympics 1980. (From: 'The Bloody Horse' no.4 March-April 1981)

Lesson Activity

Examine the link below. You will find various photos of peaceful protests in history. Look at the photos and read the captions and rank your TOP 5 MOST SIGNIFICANT protests. List these on your Warm Up paper and respond to the prompt below.

What were some of the reasons people were protesting?

[TIME Photo Essays](#)

Practice

What is a BOYCOTT and why might someone employ this tactic? Read the article below and answer the reading prompts.

- 1) Why is Carter announcing a boycott?
- 2) Where were the Olympics to be held in 1980?
- 3) What other actions did Carter take against the Soviet Union?
- 4) Did other nations boycott as well? Who?
- 5) What was the reaction to the boycott?
- 6) How did the Soviets respond to this in 1984?

[President Carter announces Olympic boycott](#)

Responses

- 1) **USSR had invaded Afghanistan**
- 2) **Moscow**
- 3) **Carter increased pressure on the Soviets to abandon the war in Afghanistan by issuing a trade embargo on two U.S. goods that the country desperately needed: grain and information technology. He also restricted Soviet fishing in American-controlled ocean waters. Carter called on the U.N. to provide military equipment, food and other assistance to help Afghanistan's neighbors (especially Iran and Pakistan) fend off further Soviet encroachment.**
- 4) **Canada, West Germany and Japan**
- 5) **Americans pitied the athletes; boycott symbolized commitment many Americans felt to fighting the oppressive, anti-democratic Soviet regime.**
- 6) **Soviet Union boycotted the 1984 Olympic Games held in Los Angeles.**

Reflection

Examine the cartoon. What is the author's point of view? What is he trying to say?



Reflect

Various possibilities-- responses...

Author thinks athletes are being held hostage by boycott

Author thinks the Soviets are an oppressive regime