



Global Summer Games

Dear Book Club Host:

Welcome back to The 39 Clues Reading Club! If you're new to the club, don't forget to check out the **Establish Your Cahill Stronghold** introductory theme materials so that your club members can feel like they're really on the Cahill team! Or, if your club has just finished reading one of The 39 Clues books, make sure to check out the book overview tab for book-specific content.

With this month's theme, **Global Summer Games**, two thrilling international competitions collide as your club members explore the connections between Amy and Dan's international adventures and the Olympics. They will test their Cahill knowledge, explore their own capabilities, and discover the secret Olympic history of the Tomas branch!

Be sure to download the following handouts from scholastic.com/39cluesclub:



Activity 1: Cahill Locations

Prepare ahead: 1) Photocopy the **Cahill Locations** handout, making enough copies for every club member. 2) Have copies of The 39 Clues books available to help club members answer the questions about Dan and Amy's past adventures.

Distribute the **Cahill Locations** handouts and read the introduction at the top aloud to the group. Have club members work together as a group (or have them work alone or in pairs) to identify the Olympic cities and countries, filling in the blanks as they go. If anyone gets stumped, you may want to use the answer key below to provide hints about each location. Discuss together which of these events from the books was the most memorable and exciting.

Answer Key:

1. Paris, France (For a hint, point them to Series 1, Book 1: *The Maze of Bones*)
2. Austria (For a hint, point them to Series 1, Book 2: *One False Note*)
3. Japan (For a hint, point them to Series 1, Book 3: *The Sword Thief*)
4. South Korea (For a hint, point them to Series 1, Book 3: *The Sword Thief*)
5. Moscow, Russia (For a hint, point them to Series 1, Book 5: *The Black Circle*)
6. Sydney, Australia (For a hint, point them to Series 1, Book 6: *In Too Deep*)
7. Beijing, China (For a hint, point them to Series 1, Book 8: *The Emperor's Code*)
8. Rome, Italy (For a hint, point them to Series 2, Book 1: *The Medusa Plot*)
9. Switzerland (For a hint, point them to Series 2, Book 2: *A King's Ransom*)
10. Munich, Germany (For a hint, point them to Series 2, Book 2: *A King's Ransom*)

Activity 2: Gold Medal Code Crack

Prepare ahead: 1) Print one **Gold Medal Code Crack (A)** handout for each group and cut out the six medals. If you have more than one group, you will need a set of six medals for each group. 2) Photocopy the **Gold Medal Code Crack (B)** handout, making enough copies for each club member. 3) Collect pens and/or pencils for everyone present. 4) Optional: A stopwatch or other timing device.

Break club members into groups and have them gather in a circle around a table or on the floor. Place the six gold medal cutouts from the **Gold Medal Code Crack (A)** handout in the center of the group. Distribute the **Gold Medal Code Crack (B)** handout and writing tools to everyone present. Then read the directions at the top of the **Gold Medal Code Crack (B)** handout aloud to the group.

Bonus: To make this activity more challenging, set a timer and give club members three minutes to crack the code.

Answer: ISABEL BROUGHT THE GAMES TO LONDON.

If members need help, suggest they look at the coded message in pairs of numbers, i.e.:

11 • 15 • 44 • 21 • 32 • 41

Activity 3: Find Your Inner Champion Quiz

Prepare ahead: 1) Photocopy the **Find Your Inner Champion Quiz** handout, making enough copies for each club member.

Distribute the **Find Your Inner Champion Quiz** handouts and read the introduction aloud to the group.

This activity can be done in pairs or individually. Club members can quiz each other or answer the questions individually.

After club members have finished answering the questions, read this results evaluation key aloud to the group. Then have club members share with the group which sport their answers indicated they're best suited for, and whether or not they agree with that evaluation:

Read this aloud:

Here's how you can evaluate your results:

- 1: If you answered mostly A's, go for gold in Track and Field.
- 2: If you answered mostly B's, go for gold in Gymnastics.
- 3: If you answered mostly C's, go for gold in Swimming.
- 4: If you answered mostly D's, go for gold in an Equestrian event.
- 5: If you answered mostly E's, go for gold in Soccer.

Activity 4: Secret Tomas Champions

Prepare ahead: 1) Photocopy the **Secret Tomas Champions (A)** handout, making enough copies for each club member. 2) Print out the **Secret Tomas Champions (B)** handout and cut out the six identification cards. 3) Hide the six cards in different spots around the room, making sure the cards stick out just enough to be spotted with the naked eye.

This activity can be done in groups, in pairs, or individually. After all the cards are hidden, distribute the **Secret Tomas Champions (A)** handouts and read the directions aloud to the group.

First, give club members a chance to fill in all the names on their own. Next, reveal that there are identification cards hidden around the room. Build up some suspense, and then release everyone at once to start searching. After an appropriate amount of time, call everyone back and have them use the cards they found to answer the rest of the questions.

Answer Key: 1. Michael Phelps; 2. Kerri Strug; 3. Wilma Rudolph; 4. Muhammad Ali; 5. Jesse Owens; 6. Jim Thorpe

Good luck to you and your Cahill Champions!

—The 39 Clues Reading Club



Global Summer Games Cahill Locations

Since the Olympics were revived in 1896, many different cities all across the globe have hosted the event. Amy and Dan's adventures have just begun, but they've already visited many of the same exciting destinations! In this activity, you'll identify which Olympic cities Amy and Dan have visited by testing your knowledge of the adventures they had there. How well do you know your recent Cahill history?

1. The 1900 and 1924 Summer Olympics were hosted in the first foreign city that Amy and Dan visited, where they discovered a clue hidden by Benjamin Franklin.

2. The 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics were held in this country, where Amy and Dan found an important clue related to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

3. The Games were held in 1964, 1972, and 1998 in this country, where Amy and Dan discovered a clue related to Toyotomi Hideyoshi.

4. The 1988 Summer Olympics were held in this country, where Amy and Dan discovered a cave in the mountain of Bukhansan.

5. The 1980 Summer Olympics were held in this city, where Amy and Dan visited a concert hall on the grounds of the Kremlin.

6. The 2000 Summer Olympics were held in this city, where Amy and Dan first met Isabel Kabra.

7. The 2008 Summer Olympics were held in this city, where Amy and Dan found an important formula on a piece of silk fabric.

8. The 1960 Summer Olympics were held in this city, where Amy and Dan discovered a lost manuscript of Marco Polo's in the Colosseum.

9. The 1928 and 1948 Winter Olympics were held in this country, where Amy and Dan visited the auction house that sold the de Virga Mappa Mundi.

10. The 1972 Summer Olympics were held in this city, where Amy and Dan got an important clue at King Ludwig's castle.

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Gold Medal Code Crack (A)

Hosts: Cut out the six medals below. Place the medals in order on the table or floor in the center of the group. (If you have multiple groups, provide a set for each group.)

1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



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Gold Medal Code Crack (B)

Directions:

People from all over the world have come to London to watch the 2012 Games, but your elite team of Cahills is there for a much different reason: to decipher a top secret code that is hidden on the backs of several gold medals.

Look closely at the six gold medals. On each medal is a series of numbers that represents one word. Use your finely honed code-cracking skills and the grid cipher to decipher the word on each medal and uncover the secret message.

	1	2	3	4	5
1	I	Q	O	C	S
2	B	J	T	U	N
3	K	E	P	H	X
4	L	V	W	A	R
5	D	M	O	Y	F

How This Grid Cipher Works:

The letters of the alphabet are arranged in the 5 x 5 grid above. A pair of numbers represents one letter. First write the “down” column letter that corresponds to the number you want, and then write the “across” letter next to it. For this grid, 44=A, 21=B, 14=C, and so on.

Write down the decoded message in the space below:



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Find Your Inner Champion Quiz

Directions:

Great news: Vesper One has promised to finally release the Cahill hostages, but only in exchange for the rarest and most precious artifact of all: a gold medal! Do you have what it takes to win one? You'd better start training for a sport! Take this quiz to figure out which sport you might be suited for:

1. Which compliment do you hear most often?
 - a. You're fast
 - b. You're flexible
 - c. You swim like a fish
 - d. You're great with animals
 - e. You're light on your feet
2. What's your ideal summer job?
 - a. Messenger service
 - b. Personal trainer
 - c. Lifeguard
 - d. Working with horses
 - e. Mowing lawns
3. Which athlete do you admire most?
 - a. Lolo Jones
 - b. Shawn Johnson
 - c. Michael Phelps
 - d. Seabiscuit
 - e. Mia Hamm
4. Which non-Olympic sporting event would you most like to see live?
 - a. The Boston Marathon
 - b. The Cheerleading World Championship
 - c. The Hawaiian Cliff Diving Championship
 - d. The Kentucky Derby
 - e. The World Cup
5. What would you rather spend your money on?
 - a. New sneakers
 - b. A home gym
 - c. An aquarium
 - d. New riding boots
 - e. A trip to England
6. Which physical activity are you best at?
 - a. Jogging
 - b. Pull-ups
 - c. Aerobic exercise
 - d. Spin class
 - e. Double dutch
7. Which superhero do you relate to most?
 - a. Flash
 - b. Spider-man
 - c. Aquaman
 - d. The Lone Ranger
 - e. A superhero who is part of a team, like The Avengers
8. What sort of person are you?
 - a. You like to go the extra mile
 - b. You like stretching yourself
 - c. You like to tune out the world
 - d. You like wordless communication
 - e. You like being part of a team

Add up how many A's, B's, C's, D's, and E's you got. Your club host will tell you which sport you're best suited for. Then you'll need to get training to win that medal.

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Secret Tomas Champions (A)

Directions:

The Tomas branch of the Cahill family tends to be adventurous, athletic, and disciplined, so it's no surprise that many of the world's most famous athletes have been members. In fact, six famous Olympians were secretly members of the Tomas branch!

Below we'll ask you to identify them all by using one key fact about each member. If that's not enough to help you guess, you'll have to go on a Clue Hunt! Hidden around this room are identification cards with amazing facts about famous Olympians. Find as many cards as you can and use the short bios on each card to identify these secret Tomas members!

1. This secret member makes himself swim 50 miles every day in order to break every record on the books!

2. This secret member helped win the first and only gold medal in her category by bravely landing on an injured ankle.

3. This secret member had infantile paralysis as a child, but went on to become the fastest woman in the world.

4. This secret member won the gold medal in boxing, but was later banned from the sport.

5. This secret member was the grandson of a slave and made a mockery of Hitler's boasts of Aryan superiority.

6. This secret member went on to play professional football, baseball, and basketball!

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Secret Tomas Champions (B)

Secret Tomas Member Identification Cards

Host Instructions: Cut out the following identification cards and hide them throughout the room.

NAME: Wilma Rudolph
WINNING YEAR: 1960

Wilma Rudolph was considered the fastest woman in the world in the 1960s. She was the first woman to win three gold medals in track and field in a single year: the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome. Ironically, she had been born premature at 4.5 lbs, and contracted infantile paralysis at age four, but she overcame these difficulties with training, physical therapy, and iron-willed determination.

NAME: Muhammad Ali
WINNING YEAR: 1960

After winning the gold medal in boxing at the 1960 Games in Rome, Cassius Clay converted to Islam and changed his name to Muhammad Ali. Under that name, he became heavyweight champion of the world, but was barred from competition for many years for his refusal to register for the Vietnam War, a war that he thought was immoral.

NAME: Jim Thorpe
WINNING YEAR: 1912

Jim Thorpe was born and raised on a Native American reservation, where his birth name was Wa-Tho-Huk. In a recent vote by sports writers, he was chosen as the greatest athlete of the 20th century. He won gold medals in both the pentathlon and decathlon in the 1912 Summer Olympics in Stockholm, then played on football, baseball, and basketball teams in his long professional career.

NAME: Kerri Strug
WINNING YEAR: 1996

At only age sixteen, Kerri Strug competed as one of the "Magnificent Seven," the U.S. Women's Gymnastics team in Atlanta in 1996. On the big night, after twisting her ankle earlier in the evening, she limped back to the runway and performed a nearly perfect second routine, landing on her bad ankle but sticking the vault, helping to earn the U.S.'s only gold medal in that category.

NAME: Jesse Owens
WINNING YEAR: 1936

Jesse Owens won four gold track and field medals at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, making him the most successful athlete at the Games. Adolph Hitler, the leader of the host country, had wanted to show off the racial superiority of his German athletes, but Owens, the son of a sharecropper and grandson of a slave, made a mockery of Hitler's racial theories.

NAME: Michael Phelps
WINNING YEAR: 2008

At the Beijing Olympics in 2008, Michael Phelps became the first athlete ever to win eight gold medals at a single Games. He achieved this goal by pushing himself harder than anyone else at the Games: He swims 50 miles every day, and he has to eat a pound of pasta and a whole large pizza every night just to replace the calories he loses!

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