



Bonspiel! The History of Curling in Canada

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Educational Resources

Miniature Curling

Description of Activity

After reading the four articles in *Bonspiel*, students will look at the Flash animation at <http://www1.curling.ca/content/GoCurling/interactiveCurlingDemo.asp> to see curling in action. They will design a curling game board, display rules for curling and show the rules of curling etiquette.

Time

Four 40-minute lessons

Integration

This lesson can easily be integrated into

- a math unit studying measurement
- a visual arts unit on producing a two- or three-dimensional work of art for a specific purpose

Assessment

The teacher may use the Miniature Curling Checklist of requirements to create the game.

Activity

- Ask students to watch the Flash demonstrations of how to curl and the rules of curling at <http://www1.curling.ca/content/GoCurling/interactiveCurlingDemo.asp>
- Based on this information, students can sketch a curling surface and write brief notes about the rules of play.
- Then have students design a curling surface, or "sheet," on bristol board, using the information from the demonstration. Ask students to record the measurements that they used in designing their playing surface. (At this age, it is not necessary for students to create a surface that is in exact proportion to an actual curling surface.)
- Using modelling clay, paint and markers, they can create "rocks," and complete the "sheet" for a miniature curling game and scoreboard.
- They can add simple instructions on "how to curl" to their game, using the website information.
- Using the article "Fair Play/Etiquette" and the websites provided, students can also prepare a list of the rules of etiquette to display with their game board.
- In pairs, students can play a modification of the game on their "sheets." Have them role-play their rules of etiquette, such as shaking hands at the beginning and end of their game.