

A Game-Changer

Passé dans le présent: 'Sport has the power to change the world...it has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than government in breaking down racial barriers.' - Nelson Mandela

	How has sport become more than a game, a tool of protest and social change ?
At the end of the Unit, I will	Embody an athlete and deliver a speech
What vocabulary will I need ?	- racism - sports - social advancement
What grammatical structure will I need ?	- talk about the past - compare - make supposition
What documents will be used ?	1) A tool against racism 1a- Tommie Smith and John Carlos, Olympic Stadium, Mexico City, October 16, 1968 1b- In History: How Tommie Smith and John Carlos's protest at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics shook the world Myles Burke, 16 October 2023, BBC 1c- Front Cover, US – Time Magazine, Colin Kaepernick , October 3rd, 2016, Vol. 188, No. 13 1d- How Americans really feel about Colin KAepernieck and the Anthem Protests 2) A mean of unification 2a-South African President Nelson Mandela presents the William Webb Ellis Cup to Springbok captain Francois Pienaar after the 1995 Rugby World Cup final, Johannesburg 2b- Invictus, the Final, movie directed by Clint Eastwood, with Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon, 2009 2c- Invictus, movie still, Clint Eastwood, 2009 2d- The South African flag, A combination of History, Unity and Meaning, Ac Legrand, 2026 2e- Apartheid explained, AJ+; 2001 3) Resilience 3a – Invictus, William Ernest Henley, 1888 + powtoon by proflegrand78 : poem read by Morgan Freeman 3b- Invictus Games, Logo, 2014 3c – road to Invitus: What drove more than 500 participants to compete 3d- The Invictus Games Foundation, 2014 3e- The Invictus Games Birmingham 2027 4) Working on unity 4a-An Anthem to celebrate unity, 'Ireland's Call'. 18 September 2023 Classic FM 4b- What is The Nations Championship? Explaining

	rugby's new competition, fixtures, format - James ReganJul 17, 2026, www.espn.com 4c- Commonwealth Games Richard Means, 2020 5) sports and politics 5a- Bad Bunny's Super Bowl halftime show explained Paulina Arana, www.newsrecord.org, Feb 13, 2026 + illustrations When politics gets a Red card, cartoon by Soumyadip Sinhart, The Hindu, 5b-When politics gets a Red card, cartoon by Soumyadip Sinhart, The Hindu, 2026
What will I learn about ?	How sport has impacted and still impacts our society
Final Task EOC	"Sport has the power to change the world... It has the power to unite people » As a former Athlete and Guest of Honor, you will deliver a speech at the Opening Ceremony of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games

Instructions for your Final Task :

- 1- The speech will have to be delivered in class.
- 2- It must last 2 to 3 minutes
- 3- you will need to use examples from the past and the present,
- 4- you must give an answer to our sequence about how sport may or may not change our society for the best
- 5- you will need to be convincing
- 6- you may be two people together, embodying each someone different but your acting must be relevant