

## Closing of the Milan-Cortina Olympic Games (February 22, 2026)

# TEACHING GUIDE

**i What?** The closing ceremony of the Milan-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games and the transition to the next Games, scheduled for the French Alps in 2030.

**u Who?** Athletes, participating countries, the International Olympic Committee, and representatives of the French Alps, the future host of the Games.

**g Where?** In Italy, in the city of Verona.

**🕒 When?** The ceremony took place on Sunday, February 22, 2026.

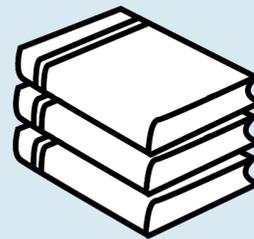
**? Why is it important?** Because the ceremony celebrates sporting achievements and marks the passing of the Olympic flag to the French Alps 2030.

**🎯 For this activity, your goal will be to learn a little more about the city of Verona, the Games that just ended... and the next Games in 2030!**



### OBJECTIVES

- Locate Verona in Italy.
- Understand the significance of a closing ceremony.
- Calculate the area of an ellipse using actual measurements.
- Read and interpret current sports news articles.
- Express a reasoned opinion.
- Discover the Alps mountain range.



### SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Geography**
  - Italy
  - Verona
  - The Alps
- **Mathematics**
  - Area of an ellipse
  - Using measurement tools (Google Earth)
- **English**
  - Reading informational texts
  - Comprehension
  - Justifying an opinion
- **General Knowledge**
  - Values of Olympism
  - Winter Olympic Games



### COMPETENCIES

- Search for and select relevant information.
- Read and interpret various texts.
- Use a digital tool to measure and calculate.
- Justify an answer based on observed evidence.
- Express a reasoned opinion.



### DURATION

- About 60 minutes



### GETTING STARTED

- Ask the student: "Have you ever watched a closing ceremony? What do you usually see?"
- Explain in one sentence: "Today, we're going to find out where the ceremony takes place (Verona), review some highlights of the Games, and then look ahead to the next Games in 2030."

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### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**STEP 1 — Verona, Where it all Ends.** Exploration of the Verona Arena using Google Earth and calculation of its area.

**Q1 — There are four arches still visible at the top of the arena.**

**Q2 —  $a \approx 55$  m and  $b \approx 70$  m. Area  $\approx 55 \times 70 \times 3.14 = 12,089$  m<sup>2</sup>, therefore approximately 12,000 m<sup>2</sup>.**

**STEP 2 — Your Moment of the Games.** Reading of four texts about memorable Olympics moments and explanation of the personal choice.

**Q3 — Personal answer. Example: “I chose Klaebo’s triumph because he worked hard to win several medals. It inspires me not to give up.”**

**Q4 — Yes, this moment reflects Olympic values because it demonstrates excellence and respect for other athletes.**

**STEP 3 — The Next Winter Olympics Games.** Discovery of the Alps mountain range using Wikipedia.

**Q5 — France, Monaco, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, Slovenia, and Hungary.**

**Q6 — Mont Blanc. It is 4,806 meters high.**

**Q7 — Approximately 1,200 km long and 250 km wide.**



### WRAPPING UP

- Reflect on:
  - the meaning of a closing ceremony;
  - the values of Olympism;
  - the lead-up to the 2030 Games.
- Final question: “What moment of the Games made the biggest impression on you and why?”



### FURTHER EXPLORATION

 *Learn About the 2026 Winter Olympics & Paralympics for Kids with Ozzie*

Ozzie – Educational Videos For Kids

<https://youtu.be/D0DIz0Klx7M?si=ITk9GXoxneplQBvH>

