



## INTERNATIONAL TENNIS HALL OF FAME

### The Traveling Tennis Players

**Overview:** As students are learning about world geography, they will also learn about two modern-day tennis players' travel over a busy few months on the tennis tours. The activities that accompany this lesson are geared toward students in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, and can be paired with other units on geography and world cultures. These activities encompass review of Common Core Standards mastered at previous grade levels as well as Common Core Standards Literacy in History/Social Studies and English Language Arts Writing to be mastered at the students' current grade level.

#### **Objectives:**

Students will be able to-

- Form an understanding of the hectic schedules two top tennis players go through in a few months
- Form an understanding about the different cultures the tennis players learn about as they go to the different tournaments around the world

**Lesson Time Suggested:** Two class periods



#### **Naomi Osaka**

Naomi Osaka is a Japanese professional tennis player. On June 11, 2018, Osaka reached her best singles ranking of world No. 18. Osaka was born in Osaka, Japan, to a Haitian father, Léonard François, and a Japanese mother. Her father was born in Haiti and went to college at New York University before moving to Japan, where he met and married her mother. She has an older sister, Mari, who is also a professional tennis player, and the two have played together in doubles tennis. She moved to America at the age of three and currently resides in Florida. As of August 2018,



### Alexander “Sascha” Zverev

Alexander “Sascha” Zverev is a German professional tennis player, born in Hamburg in 1997. Both his parents, Alexander Sr. and Irina, are former tennis players, with his father having competed professionally for the Soviet Union. Zverev’s older brother, Mischa, is also a professional tennis player. Alexander played tennis at a young age with his older brother, and has referred to him as his role model. In May 2017, Zverev entered the ATP top-10 for the first time after defeating Novak Djokovic in the final of the 2017 Italian Open, thus winning his first Masters 1000 title. As of August 2018, he is ranked World No. 3 and has won 9 career singles titles.

### Materials Needed:

- Knowledge Rating Chart
- Bios of Naomi Osaka and Alexander Zverev
- ATP/WTA summaries
- 2018 tournament schedule for Naomi Osaka
- 2018 tournament schedule for Alexander Zverev
- Maps of the world or atlas with different tournament cities
- Travel books for different cities
- Tell Me the Details chart
- Travel magazines, posterboard, glue, scissors for making travel posters

*Literacy In History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects and English Language Arts Writing*

Common Core State Standards Addressed:

Craft and Structure:

*Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects:*

- **Key ideas and details**
  - CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
  - CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.2 Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
  - CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3 Identify key steps in a text's description of a process related to history/social studies (e.g., how a bill becomes law, how interest rates are raised or lowered).
- **Craft and Structure**
  - CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.
  - CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.5 Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally).
  - CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.6 Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose (e.g., loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts).
- **Integration of Knowledge and Ideas:**
  - CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.7 Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
  - CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.8 Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.
  - CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.9 Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic.
- **Research to Build and Present Knowledge**
  - CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.7 Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
  - CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.8 Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

## Lesson & Activity

### Teaching/Model

1. Teacher will present students with a Knowledge Rating Chart to assess their knowledge of two people and two topics (the WTA Tour, the ATP World Tour, Naomi Osaka, and Alexander Zverev).
2. Students will be given bios of Osaka and Zverev, and pages on the WTA Tour and the ATP World Tour for background knowledge.
3. Students will be given the schedules of Osaka and Zverev from January-mid August 2018.
4. Using maps and/or an atlas, students will map the course of Osaka or Zverev as they go around the world to different tournaments, **allowing them one stop at home.**
5. Students will be presented with a short research project to complete. In groups, they will choose one city that either Osaka or Zverev stopped in during their tournament schedule in 2018. Using the travel guides and the Tell Me the Details chart, they will fill in information about the city.
6. Students will present their information creatively by making a travel poster for the city, and present it to the class.

Knowledge Rating Chart

How much do you know about these people or concepts?

Person/ Event/ Theme	I know about the person/topic and can tell you something about them/it.	I have heard of the person/topic but I can't tell you anything about them/it.	I have never heard of the person/topic.
WTA Tour			
Naomi Osaka			
ATP World Tour			
Alexander Zverev			

## **The Women's Tennis Association (WTA)**

The WTA is the global leader in women's professional sport with more than 2,500 players representing nearly 100 nations competing for a record \$146 million in prize money. The 2018 WTA competitive season includes 54 events and four Grand Slams in 30 countries. In 2017, televised matches showing the WTA Tour were watched around the world by a total TV audience of 500 million. The 2018 WTA competitive season concludes with the BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global from October 21-28, 2018 and the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai, China from October 30-November 4, 2018.

### **The Association for Tennis Professionals (ATP)**

The ATP is the governing body of the men's professional tennis circuits - the ATP World Tour, the ATP Challenger Tour and the ATP Champions Tour. With 64 tournaments in 31 countries, the ATP World Tour showcases the finest male athletes competing in the world's most exciting venues. From Australia to Europe and the Americas to Asia, the stars of the 2018 ATP World Tour will battle for prestigious titles and ATP Rankings points at ATP World Tour Masters 1000, 500 and 250 events, as well as Grand Slams (non ATP events). At the end of the season only the world's top 8 qualified singles players and doubles teams will qualify to compete for the last title of the season at the Nitto ATP Finals. Held at The O2 in London, the event will officially crown the 2018 ATP World Tour No. 1.

## Naomi Osaka's 2018 Tournament Schedule (through mid-August)

- January 8-14- Hobart International- Hobart, Australia
- January 15-28- Australian Open- Melbourne, Australia (Grand Slam)
- February 12-18- Qatar Total Open- Qatar, Doha
- February 19-24- Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships- Dubai, UAE
- March 7-18- BNP Paribas Open- Indian Wells, California, US
- March 20-31- Miami Open, Miami, Florida, US
- April 2-8- Volvo Car Open- Charleston, South Carolina, US
- May 5-12- Mutua Madrid Open- Madrid, Spain
- May 14-20- Internazionali BNL d'Italia- Rome, Italy
- May 27- June 10- French Open- Paris, France (Grand Slam)
- June 11-17- Nature Valley Open- Nottingham, Great Britain
- June 18-24- Nature Valley Classic- Birmingham, Great Britain
- July 2- 15- Wimbledon- London, England (Grand Slam)
- July 30- August 5- Citi Open- Washington, DC, US
- August 6-12- Rogers Cup- Montreal, Canada

Alexander Zverev's 2018 Schedule:

- January 15-28- Australian Open- Melbourne, Australia (Grand Slam)
- January 29- February 4- Davis Cup- Brisbane Australia (team competition)
- February 12-18- ABN Amro World Tennis Tournament- Rotterdam, Netherlands
- February 26-March 3- Abierto Mexicano Telcel- Acapulco, Mexico
- March 5-18- BNP Paribas Open, Indian Wells, California, US
- March 19- April 1- Miami Open- Miami, Florida, US
- April 2-8- Davis Cup- Valencia, Spain (team competition)
- April 16-22- Monte Carlo Masters- Monte Carlo, Monaco
- April 30-May 6- BMW Open- Munich, Germany
- May 7-13- Mutua Madrid Open- Madrid, Spain
- May 14-20- Internazionali BNL d'Italia- Rome, Italy
- May 28-June 10- French Open- Paris, France (Grand Slam)
- June 18-24- Gerry Weber Open- Halle, Germany
- July 2-15- Wimbledon- London, England (Grand Slam)
- July 30-August 5- Citi Open, Washington, DC, US
- August 6-13- Rogers Cup- Toronto, Canada

# Tell Me the Details

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