

# Writing Activities For The Olympics

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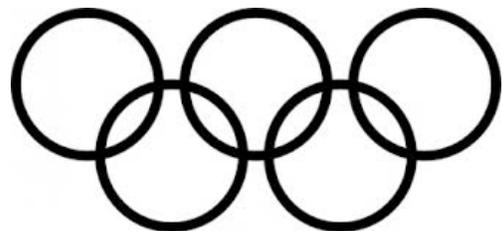
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The tradition of having an Olympic flame began with the ancient Olympic Games in Greece, over 2,000 years ago, where it also burned throughout the games. However, there was no torch relay. The first torch relay took place in Berlin, Germany for the 1936 Olympic Games.

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The very first winter games were held in Chamonix, France in 1924. Norway has won the most Winter Olympic medals, over 300.

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The Olympic motto is "*Citius, Altius, Fortius*" which is Latin for "Faster, Higher, Stronger." The motto was proposed by Pierre de Coubertin on the creation of the International Olympic Committee in 1894.

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The Olympic flag was designed by Pierre de Corbertin, who said he made the rings' colors blue, black, green, yellow, and red on a white background, because those were the colors that were used on all of the flags of the countries that would be participating in the Olympics at that time.

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Women were not allowed to participate in the first modern Olympics. It wasn't until the 1900 Olympics, held in Paris, France that they became part of history. This is probably the reason why there were more athletes than spectators during those games.

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## How to cite a website in MLA format.

EasyBib is a website that will automatically help you make a citation in correct format.  
<http://www.easybib.com/reference/guide/mla/website>

Here's their breakdown:

### Structure:

Last name, First name. "Article Title." Website Title. Publisher of Website, Day Month Year article was published. Web. Day Month Year article was accessed. <URL>.

### Example:

Cain, Kevin. "The Negative Effects of Facebook on Communication." Social Media Today RSS N.p., 29 June 2012. Web. 02 Jan. 2013.

Even though citations should **not** include the URL, I always had my students include it, letting them know that this was for my personal use only, and not part of the correct citation. I informed them that I would be checking their sources, and this would expedite follow up for me.

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### MLA Works Cited: Electronic Sources (Web Publications)

**Summary:**

MLA (Modern Language Association) style is most commonly used to write papers and cite sources within the liberal arts and humanities. This resource, updated to reflect the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.) and the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.), offers examples for the general format of MLA research papers, in-text citations, endnotes/footnotes, and the Works Cited page.

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MLA lists electronic sources as *Web Publications*. Thus, when including the medium of publication for electronic sources, list the medium as *Web*.

It is always a good idea to maintain personal copies of electronic information, when possible. It is good practice to print or save Web pages or, better, using a program like Adobe Acrobat, to keep your own copies for future reference. Most Web browsers will include URL/electronic address information when you print, which makes later reference easy. Also, you might use the Bookmark function in your Web browser in order to return to documents more easily.

### Important Note on the Use of URLs in MLA

MLA no longer requires the use of URLs in MLA citations. Because Web addresses are not static (i.e., they change often) and because documents sometimes appear in multiple places on the Web (e.g., on multiple databases), MLA explains that most readers can find electronic sources via title or author searches in Internet Search Engines.

*For instructors or editors who still wish to require the use of URLs, MLA suggests that the URL appear in angle brackets after the date of access. Break URLs only after slashes.*

Aristotle. *Poetics*. Trans. S. H. Butcher. *The Internet Classics Archive*. Web Atomic and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 13 Sept. 2007. Web. 4 Nov. 2008. <<http://classics.mit.edu/>>.

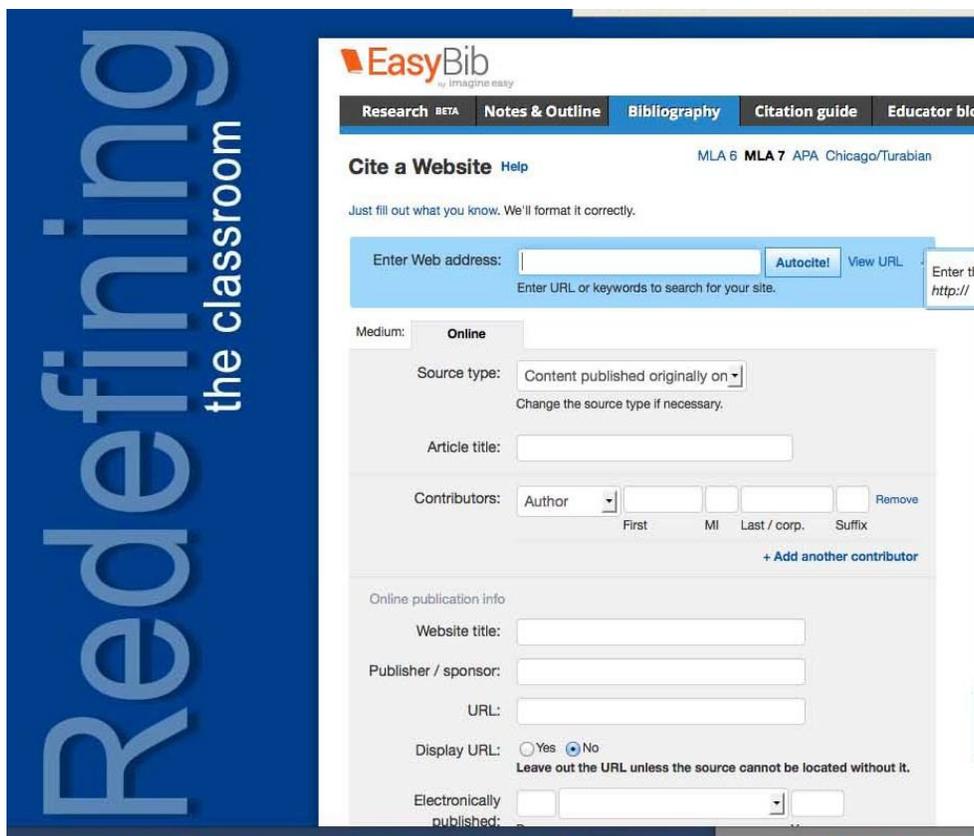
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OWL (the Online Learning Lab for Purdue University) gives examples and is a great resource page. It is my favorite resource site for the technicalities of a research paper.

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/08/>

Finding the different parts for the structure for a citation, can sometimes be difficult for students. EasyBib helps out with that. Students copy and paste the URL into the web address box and EasyBib will break it down.

One of the features I like about this site is that it will show what information could not be found and lets a student know if they feel this is a “credible” site. Students need to realize that just because it’s on the Internet, does not mean it is factual, and educational sites and databases should be the preferred source than simply Googling a question or topic.



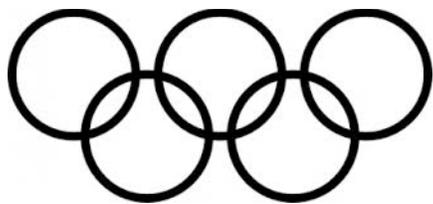
I realize that most teachers want students to “figure it out” on their own, because they obviously learn by doing, but whether you share helpful sites with your students or not, they are tech-savvy and will find them on their own.

I found that even my college students appreciated the tips, and were more apt to include a bibliography, let alone give me a correct citation. I also feel that if a student uses these tools, they are learning the correct format, rather than winging it and doing their own thing, simply reinforcing errors, or being so overwhelmed that they don’t do it at all.

EasyBib has some interesting articles on research, “presearch” and “vlogging” Check out this link and read on!

<http://content.easybib.com/students/citation-guide/mla-format/how-to-cite-a-website-mla/>

Write an acrostic poem.



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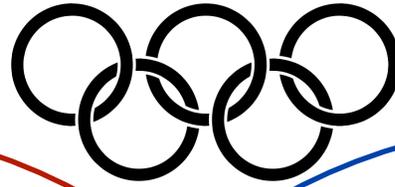
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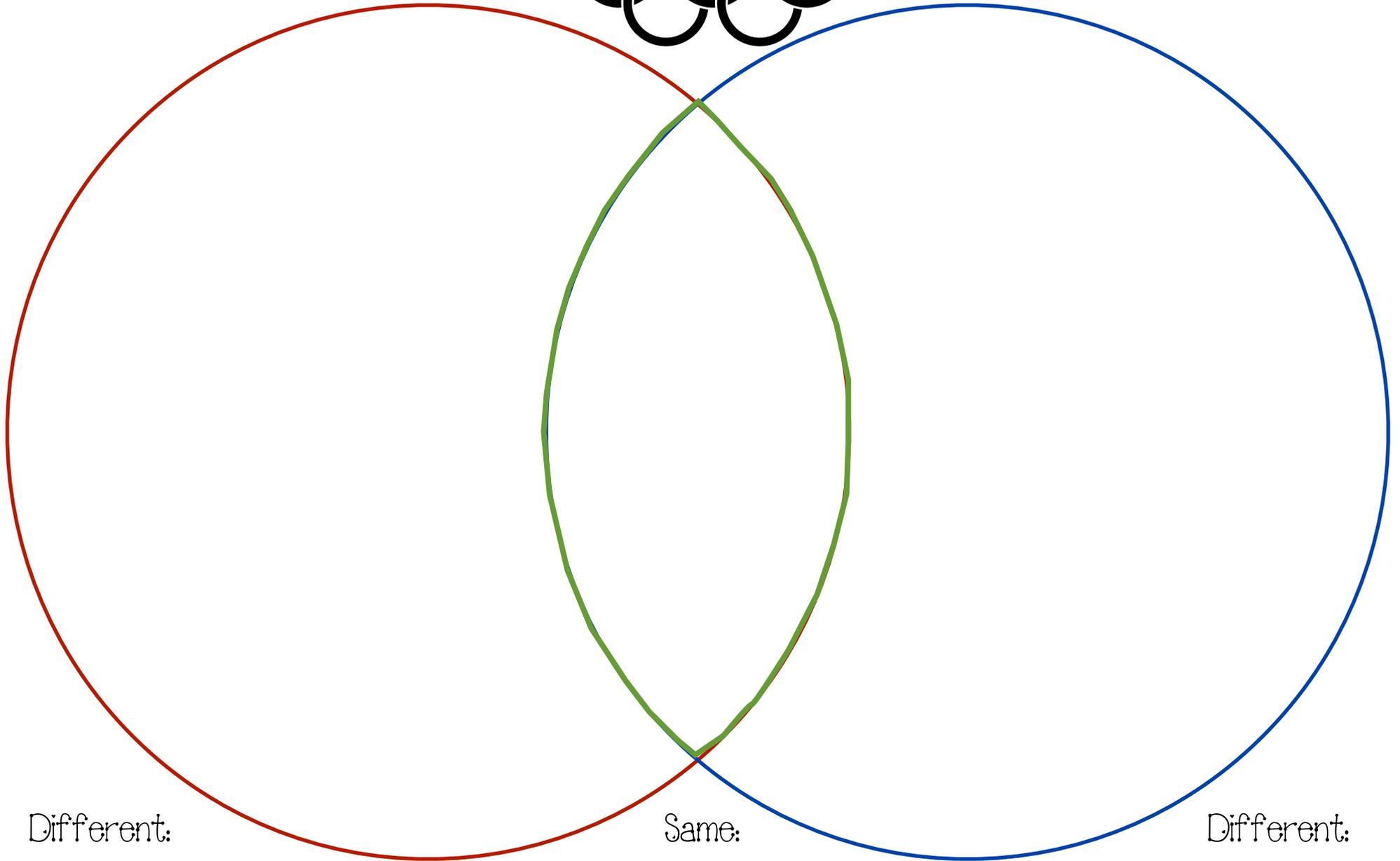
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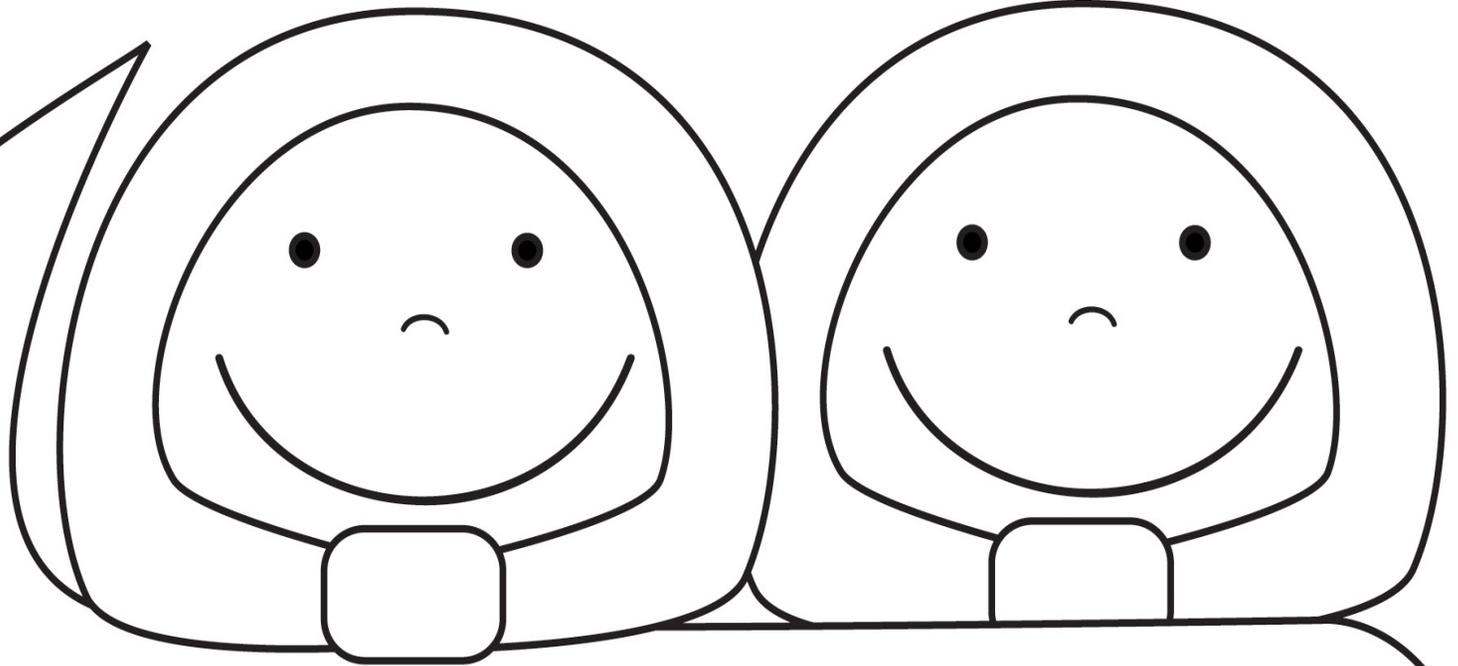
# Comparing and Contrasting The Past With The Present

Ancient Olympic Games



Modern Olympic Games





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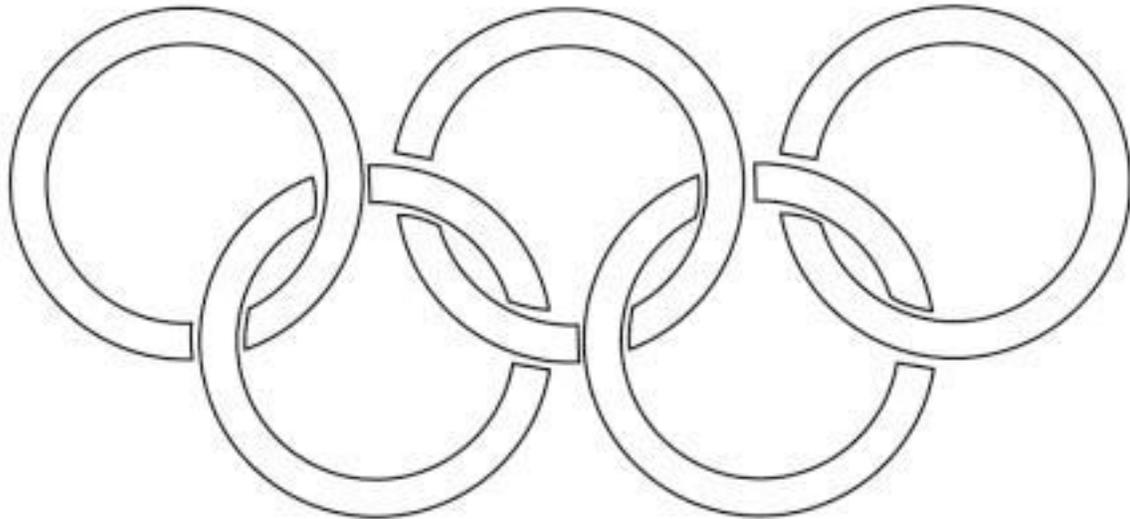
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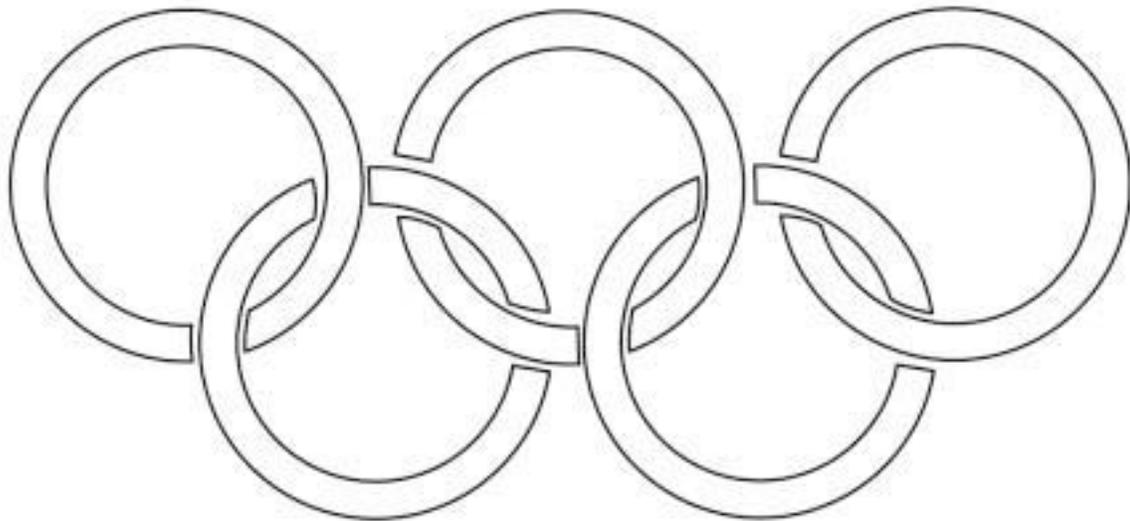
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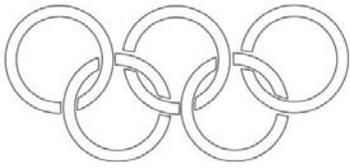
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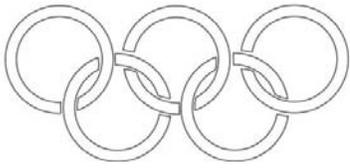




If you could be in any sport in the Olympics,  
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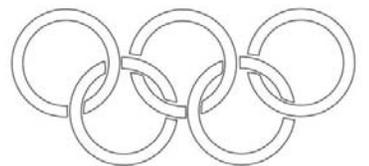
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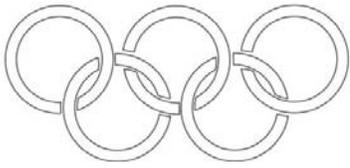
Draw a picture.



Why do you think the Olympics  
have been going on for such a long time?

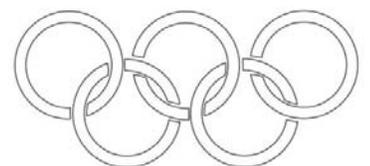
Handwriting practice lines consisting of multiple sets of horizontal lines. Each set includes a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. The lines are arranged in a grid-like pattern for writing practice.





You can give a gold medal to someone for anything you want. Who are you going to give it to and why?

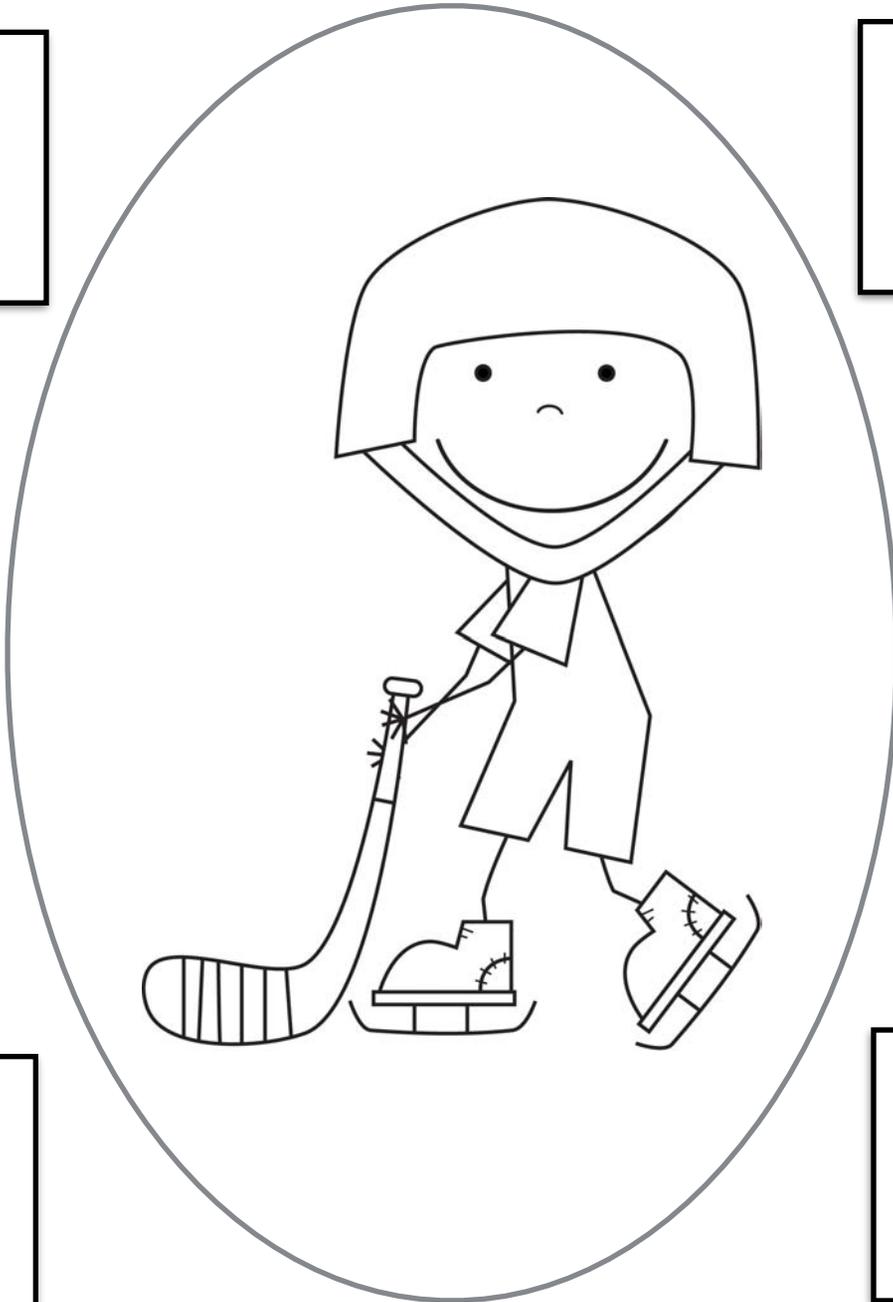
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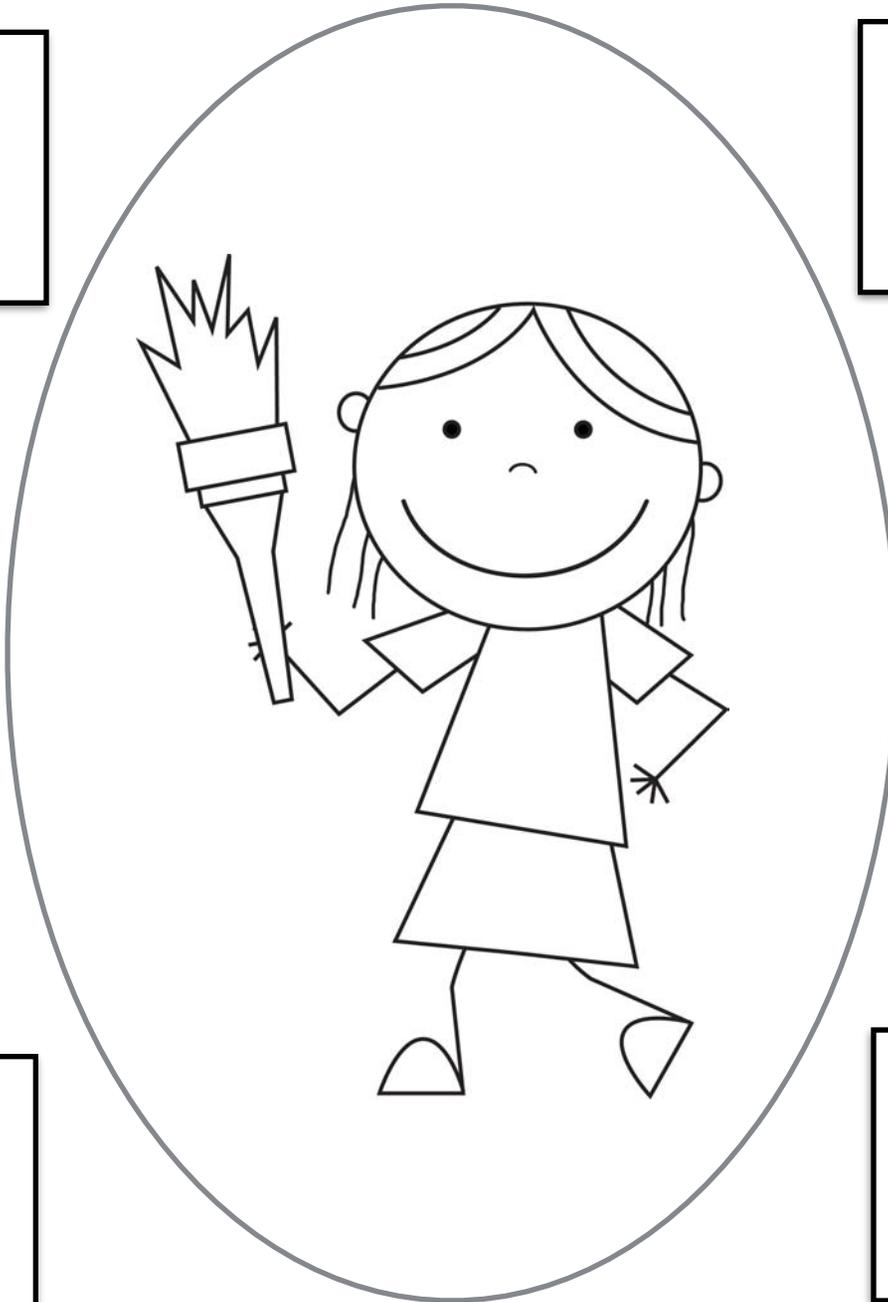
Think up 6 verbs to describe the Olympics.



Think up 6 nouns to describe the Olympics.



Think up 6 adjectives to describe the Olympics.



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Blank rectangular box for writing an adjective.

