

Writing Activities For The Olympics

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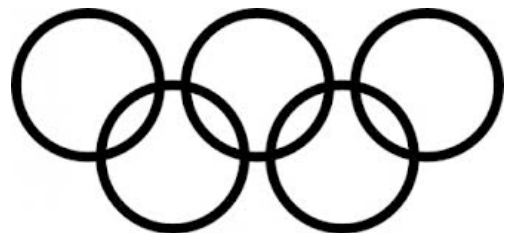
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The tradition of having an Olympic flame began with the ancient Olympic Games in Greece, over 2,000 years ago, where it also burned throughout the games. However, there was no torch relay. The first torch relay took place in Berlin, Germany for the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

The screenshot shows the Purdue OWL Online Writing Lab website. The header includes the Purdue OWL logo and the text "Online Writing Lab". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Purdue OWL, Writing Lab, OWL News, Engagement, Research, Contact, and Site Map. A secondary navigation bar lists: General Writing, Research and Citation, Teaching and Tutoring, Subject-Specific Writing, Job Search Writing, and ESL. The main content area is titled "MLA Works Cited: Electronic Sources (Web Publications)". It includes a search bar, a sidebar with links to various resources, and a main text area with a summary, contributors, and an important note on the use of URLs in MLA. The footer contains a row of icons representing various software and services.

If you want to require the use of URLs, MLA suggests that the URL appear in angle brackets after the date of access.

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.

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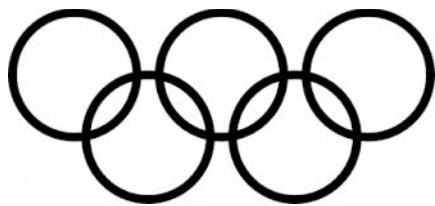
I realize that most teachers want students to “figure it out” on their own, because they obviously learn by doing, but whether you share helpful sites with your students or not, they are tech-savvy and will find them on their own.

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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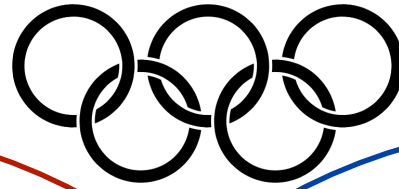
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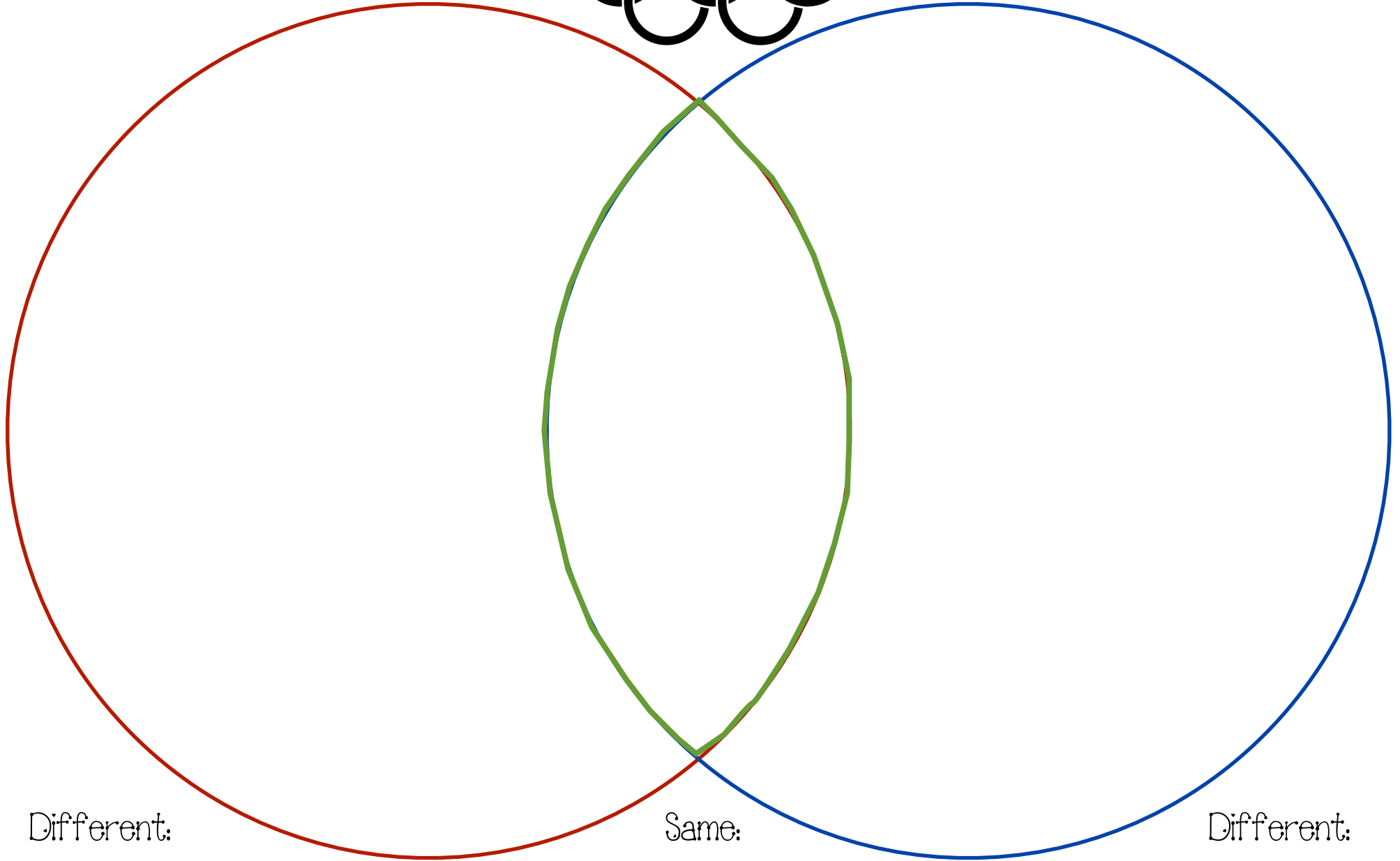
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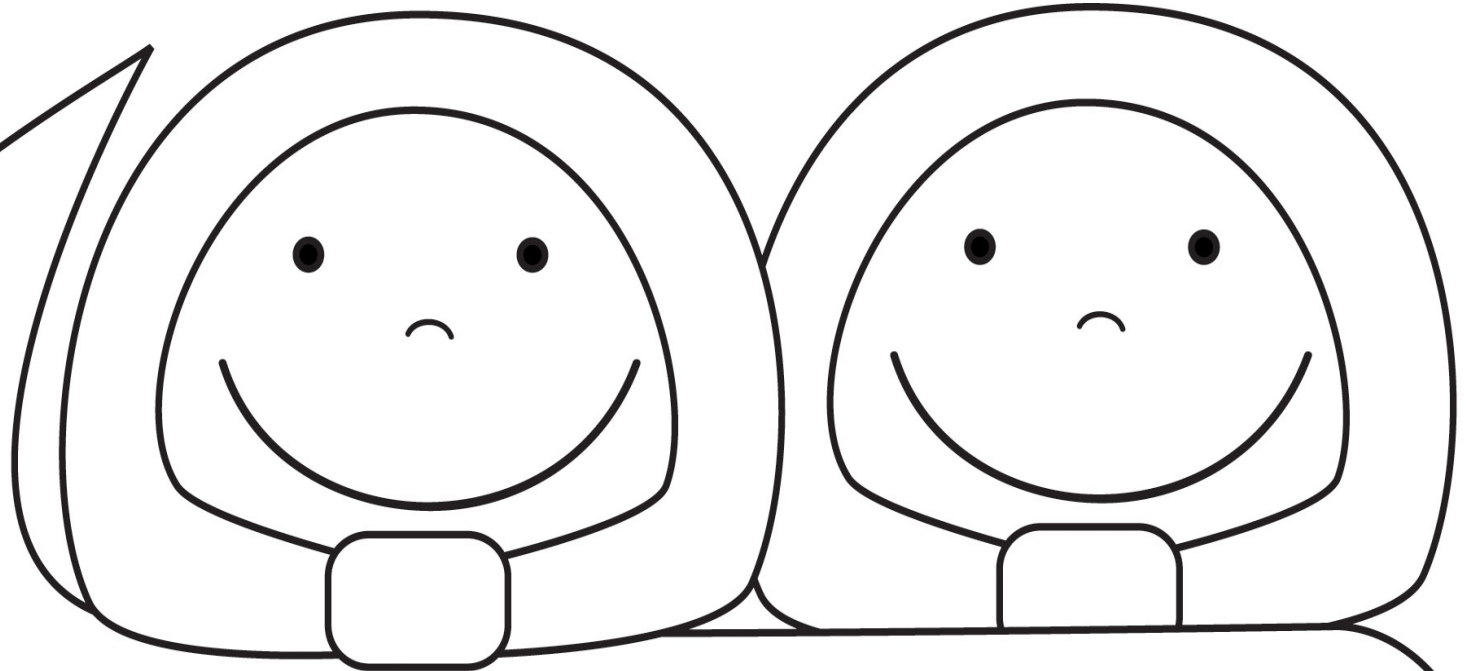
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Ancient Olympic Games



Modern Olympic Games





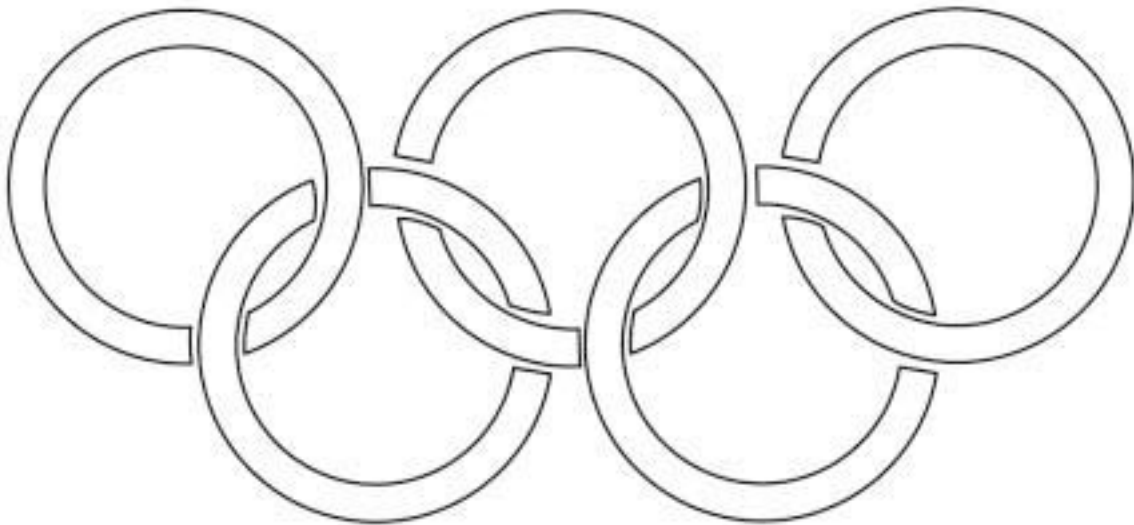
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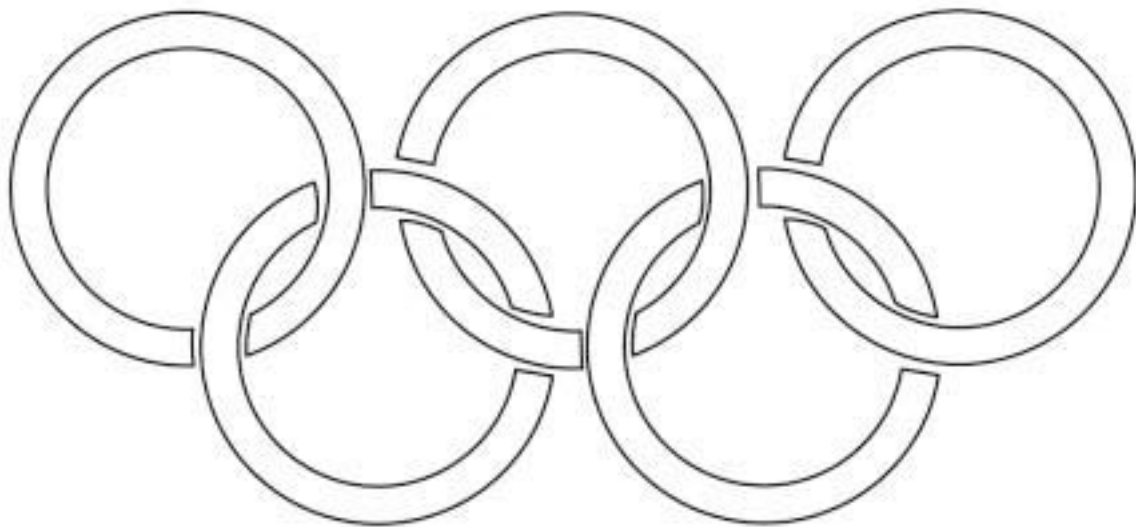
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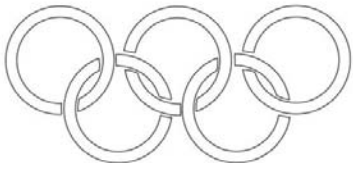


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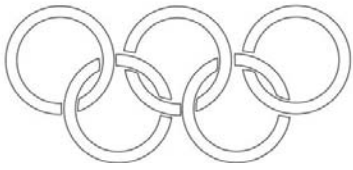




If you could be in any sport in the Olympics,
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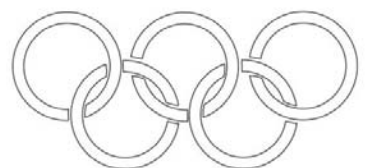
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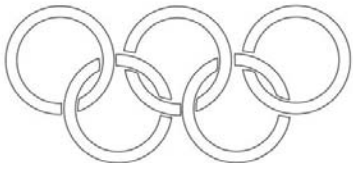
Draw a picture.



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

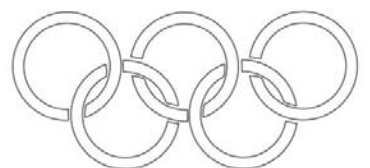
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You can give a gold medal to someone for anything you want. Who are you going to give it to and why?

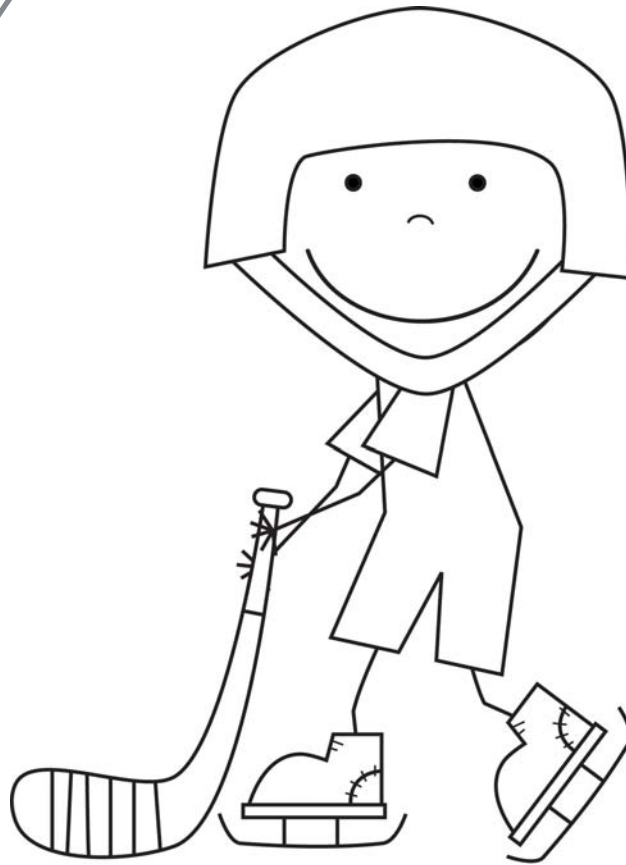
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Think up 6 verbs to describe the Olympics.



Think up 6 nouns to describe the Olympics.



Think up 6 adjectives to describe the Olympics.



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