



PROBLEM SOLVING ISSUE #1:

HOSTING THE OLYMPIC GAMES

You are the president of the proud nation of Garfynstan, a medium-sized country in Europe. Though not a world power, it is a strong nation overall. If there were world power rankings, Garfynstan would probably rank somewhere between 11-15.

You have just been told by members of the International Olympic Committee that your country has a very strong chance of hosting the 2028 Summer Games if you go through the official application process. Seems exciting, but is this a wise path to pursue? In this Problem Solving activity, you will decide the best course of action as President. **THE RUBRIC CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 5.**

ASSUMPTIONS - simply your opinion before looking into the issue

I think hosting the 2028 Games would be a _____ idea for Garfynstan.

Explain your choice by making two assumptions below. Remember, you can change your decision later, but these are just your thoughts right now before researching.

ASSUMPTION #1: I feel this way because...

ASSUMPTION #2: I feel this way because...

FACTS PART 1 - research of various things known to be true

Now that you have made your initial assumptions, it is time to look deeper into the issue. Research and find **facts** that will help you make your final decision with confidence.

First, let's look at the actual cost of hosting for a city and its nation. How much money did the following cities spend when hosting the Olympics? Click on [THIS](#) link. You will find the cost for the five most recent host cities. Use the number in the [Final Operating Budget](#) column. Sydney is an example.

CITY	YEAR	ESTIMATED COST
SYDNEY - AUSTRALIA	2000	6.6 billion
ATHENS - GREECE		
BEIJING - CHINA		
LONDON - UK		
RIO - BRAZIL		
TOKYO - JAPAN		
PARIS - FRANCE	2024	8.2 billion

FACTS PART 2 - research of various things known to be true

What has happened to the structures built to host the competitions? Are they still being used in the Olympic host cities? Are they abandoned? Research 3 of the cities on the first page, sharing 2 things about what you find. You also need to include 2 pictures you find and put them in the boxes. You can use the sites below or search “abandoned Olympic venues” to help.

[Rio Olympic Venues 6 Months Later Athens, Greece](#)
[2020 Tokyo Venues \(2022 article\)](#)

[Abandoned Olympic Venues From Around the World](#)
[15 Deserted Venues and 10 still in use](#)

PAST HOST CITY	2-3 THINGS ABOUT THEIR OLYMPIC STRUCTURES TODAY
EXAMPLE CITY <u>FYNLANDBURG</u>	1. Track stadium is still being used to host major track meets and soccer games 2. Swimming pool is now abandoned and not used for anything
City 1: RIO	1. 2.
City 2:	1. 2.
City 3:	1. 2.
(EXCEEDS) CITY BEFORE 1980:	1. 2.
Picture #1	Picture #2

POINTS OF VIEW PART 1 - find out what others believe about this issue

Find 2 adults (no teachers allowed) and ask why they think it's good or bad for a country to host the Olympic Games. Be sure to write down the person and summarize their comment.

Who could I ask? Parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, neighbors, workers in town, etc.

PERSON	HOST OR DON'T HOST	BIGGEST REASON(S) FOR THEIR OPINION
(EX)		

POINTS OF VIEW PART 2 - find out what others believe about this issue

- **GOOGLE** "pros and cons of hosting the Olympics". There will be many sites that show up. From these sites, find 2 pros and 2 cons and **summarize** them below.
- Include the source you used for each PRO or CON.
- Use at least 2 different sources for this section.
- Here are a couple helpful links:

[Pros and Cons of Hosting the Olympic Games](#)

[The Economics of Hosting the Olympic Games](#)

PRO + #1:	CON - #1:
SOURCE:	SOURCE:
PRO + #2:	CON - #2:
SOURCE:	SOURCE:

CONSEQUENCES - possible outcomes depending on which path is chosen

Before making any decision, it is important to think about the possible consequences of an action you take. Share in at least 2 sentences what you think is the most powerful positive and strongest negative if you decide to host the 2028 Summer Olympics in Garfynstan.

STRONGEST POSITIVE CONSEQUENCE OF HOSTING:

STRONGEST NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCE OF HOSTING:

CONCLUSION - armed with information and opinions, make a decision and defend it.

Now that you have researched and found opinions, the final step is to make your conclusion. Tonight, you will give a live televised speech to the nation. Write what you will say to your citizens below.

In at least 7 sentences, explain why you will or will not pursue hosting the Olympic Games for Garfynstan in 2028. Be sure to include the facts or opinions that influenced you most as you defend your answer to the people. I have started the speech. Continue it from there.

Citizens of Garfynstan, my advisors and I have been hard at work studying the possibility of hosting the Olympic Games in 2028. After much analysis and thought, I will now share my final decision.

Problem Solving #1- Hosting the Olympic Games

Standard 8.11: Analyze how a specific problem can manifest itself at the local, regional, and global levels over time, identifying its characteristics and causes, and the challenges and opportunities faced by those trying to address the problem.

DO THE POSITIVES OF HOSTING THE OLYMPIC GAMES OUTWEIGH THE NEGATIVES?

Beginning (1)	Developing (2)	Secure (3)	Exceeds (4)
<p>Missing 4 or more of the criteria</p> <p>Missing:</p>	<p>Missing 2 or 3 of the criteria.</p> <p>Missing:</p>	<p>ASSUMPTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Both assumptions are explained clearly <p>FACTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All 5 cities researched accurately ● Examples of venues from 2 cities shared ● 2 pictures of old venues shares <p>POINTS OF VIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opinions from 2 adults shared ● 4 pros/cons shared ● 2 different sources included <p>CONSEQUENCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 consequences explained in 2+ sentences each <p>CONCLUSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explanation includes 7+ sentences ● Includes a specific fact or opinion that influenced them 	<p>*includes venues from a 4th city</p> <p>*asks a 4th person their opinion</p> <p>*final conclusion is 10+ sentences</p>