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JOURNEY TO VANCOUVER 2010

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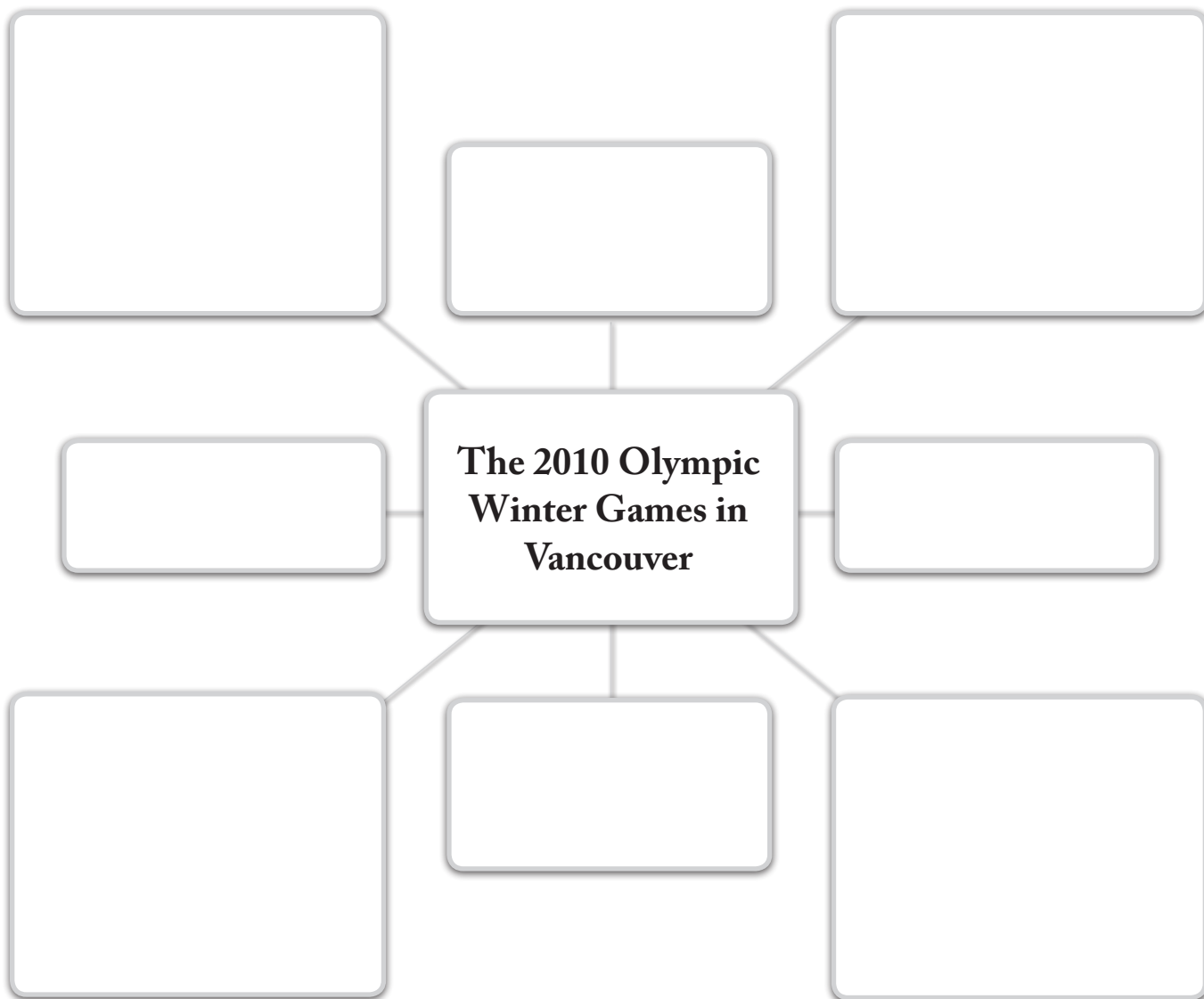
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The 2010 Olympic Winter Games

The air is cold, and there is snow on the ground. You have just arrived in Vancouver, the third-largest city in all of Canada. Vancouver is a beautiful city with great weather. And soon, the best athletes the world has to offer will be here to compete against one another in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games! So unpack your bags and get ready to learn about Vancouver and the 2010 Olympic Winter Games!

Directions: Before you get started, now would be a good time to think about what you already know about Vancouver or the Olympic Winter Games. Brainstorm your ideas by writing words or drawing pictures in the bubbles below.

Here are some things to think about: Vancouver weather, languages spoken in Canada, events in the Olympic Winter Games, and where the events might be held.



Welcome to Vancouver!

The 2010 Olympic Winter Games will be held in the city of Vancouver. Vancouver is a city in the province of British Columbia, which is located in the country of Canada. When the Olympic Winter Games are held in a city, that city is called the host city.

Being a host city is about more than just the sports being played. Millions of people will visit Vancouver during the Olympic Winter Games. They will need places to sleep and eat. They will need ways to get to the different events and celebrations.

What kinds of things do you think a good host city should provide for the people who visit? Write five ideas here.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Do you think the city in which you live would be a good host city for the Olympic Winter Games? Why or why not?

Look Inside “Vancouver”

The city of Vancouver was named after a British explorer. Captain George Vancouver explored the Northwest area of North America during the 18th century.

Directions: There are nine letters in the word “Vancouver.” You can spell a lot of other words just by using those nine letters. Complete the sentences below. Use only words that are spelled with the letters in “Vancouver.” Write one letter on each line.

V A N C O U V E R

1. After a vote _____ July 2, 2003, Vancouver won the right to host the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.
2. The Vancouver area is home to _____ 2.1 million people, making it the third most populated region in Canada.
3. Stanley Park in Vancouver is _____ of the largest parks in the world.
4. The Opening Ceremonies of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games will be held at BC Place Stadium. This building _____ seat about 55,000 people.
5. The mountain town of Whistler is located _____ Vancouver. Most of the skiing events of the Games will be held in Whistler.
6. China, Russia, and the United States _____ three of the 80+ countries that will send athletes to compete in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Directions: Can you think of more words that can be spelled from the letters in the word “Vancouver”? Write them down here.