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Nonfiction Text Features: Winter Olympics



Text features help a reader navigate the text. They give more information about the text.

Examples: illustrations, photographs, captions, maps, charts, graphs, headings, table of contents

DIRECTIONS: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

The Winter Olympics happen every four years. It is a major sporting event. It is a world-wide event. That means that people from all over the world compete in different events.

At the Olympics, the most talented athletes compete. They try to earn medals for themselves and their countries. They can earn gold, silver, or bronze medals. In individual events, only three people in the event win a medal. People from all over the world watch the games on television. They cheer for the athletes from their country.

Events

The sports included in the Winter Olympics have changed over the years. Some sports were only for men. In recent years, more women's events were added.

Some of the most popular events include ice hockey, figure skating, ski jumping, speed skating, and cross-country skiing.



Rings

The five rings symbolize unity. The number of rings is significant because there are five locations in the world that send athletes to the Olympic Games. There is one ring for each location. Athletes come from Africa, Asia, America, Australia, and Europe.

Quick Facts

- The first Winter Olympics were held in France in 1924.
- There are four indoor events: hockey, speed skating, curling, and figure skating.
- Some events are individual, and some are for teams.
- There is an opening and closing ceremony for each Olympic Games.
- Walt Disney was in charge of the opening and closing ceremonies in 1960.



1. What information does the side bar show?

The side bar gives interesting facts about the Winter Olympics. These facts are not found in the text.

They are additional information.

2. Write a caption to go under the photograph.

Student answers will vary.

3. What do the headings tell the reader?

The headings tell the reader that the sections will be focused about one specific topic. There is one section about the events at the Winter Olympics. The other heading tells the reader that they will learn about the significance of the Olympic rings.