**Next Week:** Branches of government

# **Icons** Welcome **World to Rio**

When we think of the Olympic Games, we

often picture the multi-colored rings. What do

The symbol was the idea of a Frenchman,

Pierre de Coubertin, who is sometimes called

background, represent the colors appearing on all the flags of the countries that competed in the Olympics in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The rings weren't formally used until

For each Olympic Games, emblems and characters are created that show the world something about the city and country where

the rings mean?

the father of

the modern

Games. The

five colored

rings, along

with the white

the 1920 Games.

2016 mascots

the events are taking place.

the Olympics is Vinicius, a

mixture of the cats, monkeys

and birds that live in Brazil.

This year, the mascot of

He is named

after Vinicius de

Brazilian forests.

Moraes, a famous musician and

the Paralympics mascot, is Tom.

He represents all the plants in the

poet in Brazil. His best friend,

Olympic



#### Mini Fact:

The 2016 emblem shows Brazilians embracing each other around the outline of Sugarloaf Mountain, a peak in Rio de Janeiro.

Pictogram Mini quiz

A pictogram (PICT-o-gram) is a symbol that represents something. For example, in ancient times, people drew pictograms (or pictographs) on rock walls to tell stories about their lives.

With each Olympics, pictograms are used to identify the sports. For the 2016 Olympics, there are 41 different sports and pictograms!

The Mini Page challenges you to a matching game. Try to match each of these eight pictograms to its sport.







8. rhythmic gymnastics. Jumping, 6. synchronized swimming, 7. diving, 3. mountain biking, 4. water polo, 5. equestrian Answers: 1. Taekwondo, 2. football (soccer),











### Resources



#### On the Web:

- bit.ly/22PBJvI
- bit.ly/22W3d2K

#### At the library:

- "What Are the Summer Olympics?" by Gail Herman
- "The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation)" by Daniel James Brown

# Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the Summer Olympics are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

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**Vinicius** 



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## Cook's Corner

#### **Hot and Cold Potato Salad**

#### You'll need:

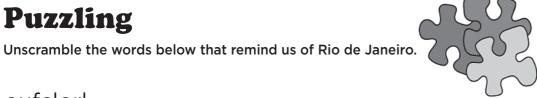
- 4 cups boiled potatoes, cubed
- 1 small onion, chopped • 3 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 1 cup carrots, shredded and chopped
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 2 tablespoons mustard
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon dried dill weed

## • salt and pepper to taste

#### What to do:

- 1. Combine potatoes, onion, eggs and carrots in a medium bowl.
- 2. In a small saucepan, heat the vinegar, mustard, mayonnaise and sour cream.
- 3. Pour the dressing over the potato salad mixture.
- 4. Add the dill weed, salt and pepper. Serve hot or cold. Serves 6-8.

# **Puzzling**



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Answers: colorful, mountains, music, Brazil.

### **Mini Jokes**

Otis: Where do champion ants like

to go when they're hungry? Olene: To the Olympicnics! Oscar: What was the champion sneezer awarded at the

Olympics? Olivia: The cold medal!

#### **Eco Note**

Researchers fear that a man-eating reptile from Africa may have invaded Florida. Scientists have captured four Nile crocodies from South Africa since 2000. The species can grow to 18 feet long and weigh as much as a small car.

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#### For later:

\* You'll need an adult's help

Quiz your family or friends about all the 2016 pictograms and which sports they represent.

#### **Teachers:**

For standards-based activities to accompany this feature, visit: bbs.amuniversal.com/teaching\_guides.html

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