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# Becoming a Host City

In ancient times, the Olympic Games were held in Olympia, Greece, in the small kingdom of Elis. The first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in Athens, Greece. In 1900, the Olympic Games were held in France—the first time they were held outside of Greece. Since that time, different countries have petitioned to become host cities. This has brought an international feel to the Olympic Games, as each host city/country shares its culture. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is a group of individuals who decide where the Olympic Games will be held. There are many things to consider. Here are the criteria that the IOC uses to determine the location of the Olympic Games:

- ◇ government support and public opinion
- ◇ city design/transportation
- ◇ sporting sites
- ◇ Olympic Village accommodations
- ◇ environmental conditions and impact
- ◇ security
- ◇ experience from past events
- ◇ finances

1. Using the criteria mentioned, would your city or town be able to host the Olympic Games? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Write a fictional report to the IOC trying to convince them of the availability of your city to be a host city. Once you have written this report, make a brochure highlighting the strengths of your city.

**Name of City:** \_\_\_\_\_

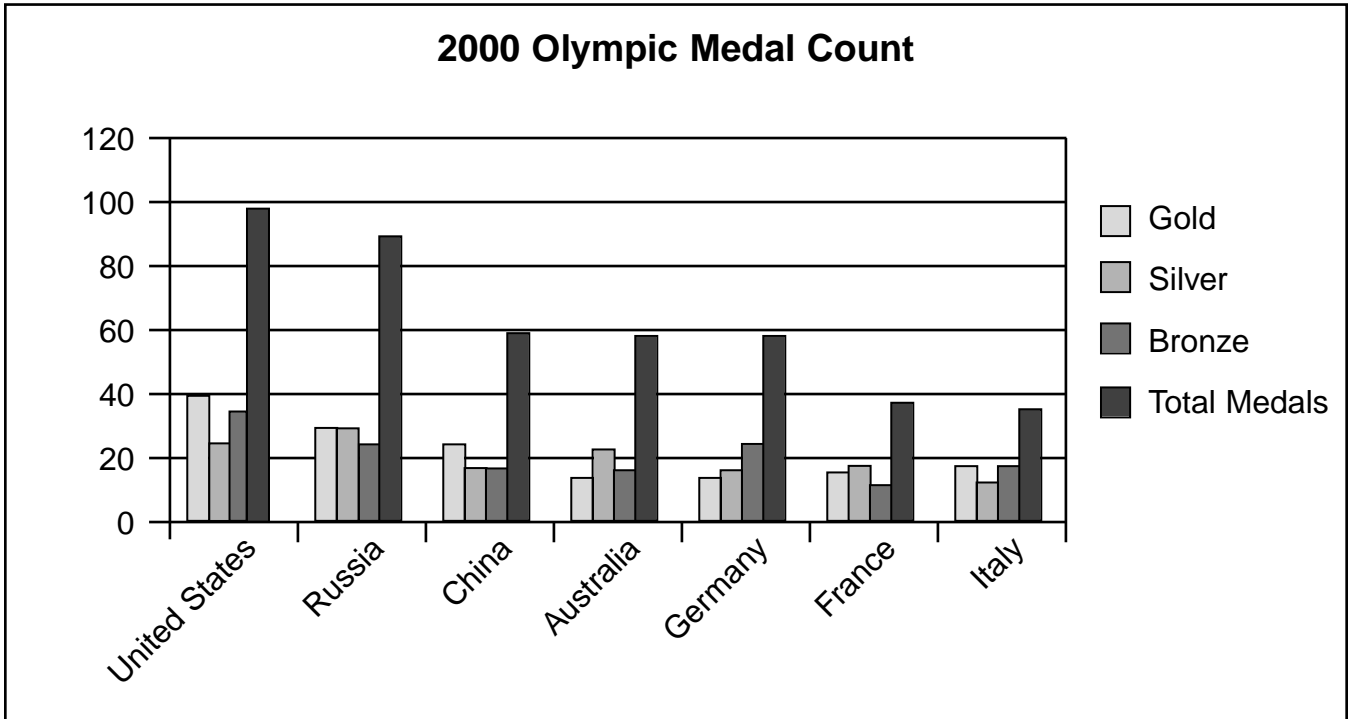
Record strengths in the following areas:

- **Government Support and Public Opinion:** How would the people support the Olympic Games?
- **City Design/Transportation:** Are there roads, freeways, etc. to accommodate traffic? Are there sufficient hotels/motels/places to stay?
- **Sporting Sites:** Are there stadiums, sporting arenas, etc.?
- **Olympic Village Accommodations:** What accommodations will the village have?
- **Environmental Conditions and Impact:** How would the environment be affected?
- **Security:** Can the security of athletes and spectators be guaranteed? What is the plan?
- **Experience from Past Events:** Has this city hosted sports events in the past?
- **Finances:** Does this city have the money to finance an Olympic Games? Is there money available to finance the ceremonies, and any transportation or building changes needed to host the millions of people who will be visiting the city?

# Graphing the Medals

It is an honor for each of the countries participating in the Olympic Games to win medals. At the end of each day, there is usually a medal count tally to show which country has won the most medals that day. During the first modern Olympic Games, the hosting Greeks were disappointed that they had not yet won a medal in the Olympic stadium. But by the end of the final day, Greek Olympian Spiridon Loues raced into the stadium to win the first Olympic marathon run.

Below is a graph showing the number of medals some countries won during the 2000 Olympic Games. Use the bar graph and answer the questions below.



1. Will this graph tell you the names of all the countries participating in the 2000 Olympic Games?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the purpose of this graph? According to this graph, which country won the most medals?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Which country won the most silver medals? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which country won fewer bronze medals, Italy or Russia? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Which three countries won about the same number of total medals? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Extension:** Make a line graph to show this information. Write five questions that can be answered about your graph.