

I can identify facts and opinions. (1B)

Put statements of facts in column 1 and statements of opinion in column 2.

These are facts I found in the text.	These are opinions I found in the text.

This is how to know if a statement is a fact.

This is how to tell if a statement is an opinion.

What Is Important for Chicago's Future

I can classify facts and opinions. (ILS1C)

One hundred years ago, the Burnham plan inspired Chicago to make great changes. Today, Chicago has another great vision: to host the Olympics in 2016. Chicago will learn in October 2009 if the city will have this opportunity or if it will go to another city. Cities want the Olympics because it is an opportunity to make great changes. It will be an important event for your city. You and everyone else in Chicago can be part of a new great plan.

Mayor Richard M. Daley took the first step in 2006 to get the Olympics; he set up a group to plan for the Olympics. It, too, is a bold plan with big dreams for Chicago's progress. In the plan, Chicago would improve its transportation system, including pedways over Lake Shore Drive. Burnham's plan set the lakefront aside for all the people. But crossing Lake Shore Drive is difficult because of traffic. Pedways will solve that problem.

For 1 billion dollars the city would build Olympic Village at the lakefront. Michael Reese Hospital closed recently. The new housing would go there. This housing for athletes then would be used by Chicago people after the Olympics. Parks around the city would be used for events, and the city would improve those park facilities. The lakefront would be improved, too. When you go to these places after 2016, they will be lasting legacies of this leadership. Three other cities are trying to get the Olympics. So Chicago may not get to have the Olympics.

List three facts	List three opinions

Write What You Think

What is your opinion? Should Chicago get the Olympics? What should Chicago do if the Olympics are in another city.