**PRACTICE PERSUASIVE WRITING ASSESSMENT**

**Write a persuasive piece arguing whether or not you believe the Olympics are a waste of money. Be sure to draw from the stimulus material as well as your own ideas.**

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**The cost of the 2016 Rio de Janerio Summer Olympic Games was estimated to be $20 billion dollars.**

**‘*The Olympics are a wonderful metaphor for world******cooperation******, the kind of international competition that's wholesome and healthy, an interplay between countries that represents the best in all of us.*’**

**John Williams has written theme music for four Olympic games.**

**Use this planning table to help you construct your piece and help you think about the persuasive strategies that you wish to use in your writing.**

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**You have 5 minutes to plan your piece and 30 minutes writing time. Your planning will not be assessed.**

**PLANNING**

**Contention/Point of View, Arguments & Persuasive strategies:**

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**Begin writing your persuasive piece below. Remember that the purpose is to persuade the reader to take your side in the argument.**

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