

Step 1: Search the paratext for information to contextualise the document

- What do the title and subhead tell you about the general topic and or the specific issue of the document?

The Olympics reflect evolutions in the world, that the world is changing

- Who published the document? When was it published? Is it linked or was it “triggered” by a specific event or context? Does this help contextualise it?

The Washington Post just after the end of the 2024 Olympics (before the Paralympics)

They draw an assessment of the medal table of the results and give a positive / optimistic / hopeful message

- Can you already infer what type of document this is?

It was written by the editorial Board of the WP. It is an editorial.

- Do you have the impression that the document defends a particular point of view

Yes, it seems to convey a positive message (see “refreshingly competitive”).

Step 2: Study the document and prepare your synthèse

- As you read the document, try to identify Words / phrases / time markers / connectors etc that help you identify the structure and logic of the text? Can you identify different parts or movements?

See the text

- What are the main points developed by the document? Rephrase them in your own words.

Lines	Main points
1 to 12	>> Positive impressions in the aftermath of the games. Impressive and successful competition Basking / afterglow / extraordinary feats ... >> What should get our attention: diversity of medallists (<i>should be remembered</i>) >> The journalist draws a list of examples to prove their point <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Julien Alfred- Thea LaFond- Kaylia Nemour- Other countries
13 to 28	The editorialist lists the global trends that explain this evolution / that this evolution reflects <ul style="list-style-type: none">- More independent nations in the world since 1990s. So competition not dominated by superpowers. Compares the results in 1980s and today. Rise of China.- Poverty declining globally, more people in the middle-class everywhere > better economic situation > easier to practice sports competitively

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International mobility is easier - Higher gender equality: the situation of women is improving allowing more of them to take part in sports (again comparison 1980s and today)
L 7 L 9 From l 28 to 38	Mentions the impact for the medallists and more generally for young people Source of inspiration and their feats / accomplishments / performance / exploits will bring about even more change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive impact on children > inspire / “get a chance to thrive” - Positive impact on a government (A national day to honour a medallist / A new track could be built / more investment) - Allowed some sportspeople to express their views (Afghan athlete) - Editorial hopes this trend will continue in next games

- Can these points be reorganised a bit (to avoid a linear summary)?

Yes and no. Lines 7 and 9 with the end of the text

Step 3: Check your intuitions about the point of view of the document

- Does the document defend a particular point of view? What tone does it use?

Yes positive, hopeful optimistic

Step 4: Write your introduction respecting the key steps: Contextualisation / Specificities of text / Main question raised or main point made

This week, as the very successful Paralympic games drew to a close, France seems to be waking up to reality after a long, joyful parenthesis. For more than two weeks, the Paris 2024 Olympics delivered an unparalleled sporting spectacle, captivating audiences worldwide. Athletes from around the globe competed in different sports, showcasing their talent, emotions, energy, passion and determination. A BIT LONG!!!

This enthusiastic editorial from the American daily paper The Washington Post, published just after the games ended, takes a close look at the medal tables and highlights how much more diverse the games have become and explains what global trends this can be put down to / this reflects