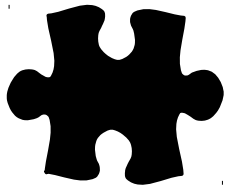
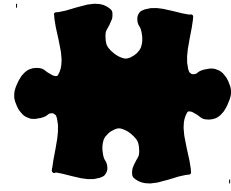


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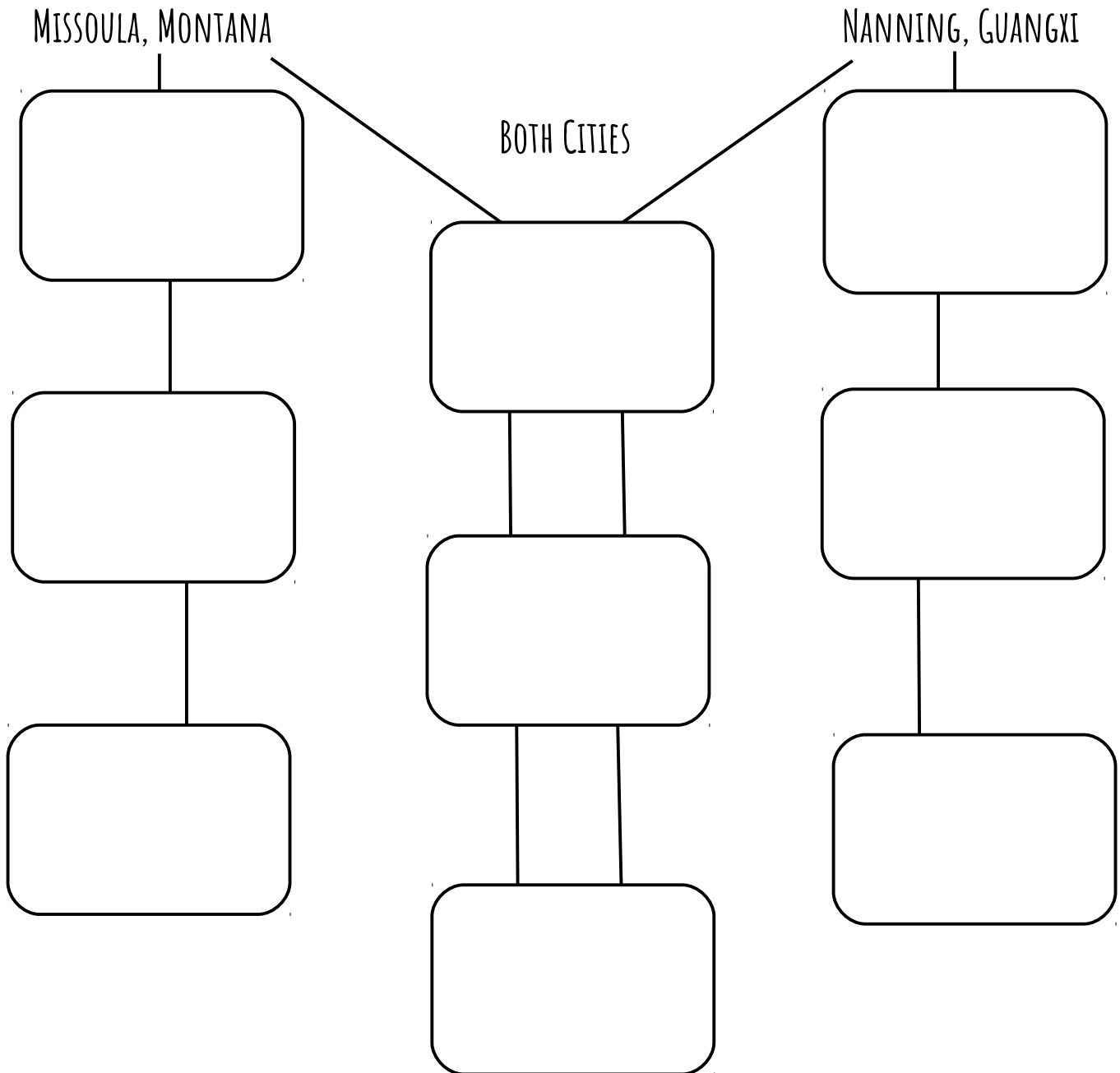
Choose any three activities!

<p>TALE OF TWO CITIES: Look up Nanning, Guangxi and Missoula, Montana on Google Earth and Wikipedia. Compare and contrast the cities in a bubble graph.</p>	<p>PILLOW DESIGN: Design a pillow like the one in the book using the phrase "Home is Where the Heart Is" or another common saying.</p>	<p>CHARACTER ART: Draw the Chinese character 家. Surround it or fill it with sketches of things that make you feel at home.</p>
<p>CHAPTER SUMMARIES: Write a "somebody wanted/but/so then" summary for six of the chapters in the book.</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL CHEF: Find a recipe for one of the foods mentioned in the book, then make it!</p>	<p>PEN PALS: Pretend you're pen pals with James during his first few months in Montana. Write a total of 4 short letters back and forth between the two of you.</p>
<p>PREDICTION: Write one paragraph (5-7 sentences) telling what you think will happen to James and his friends after the book's ending.</p>	<p>COMIC STRIP: Draw a 6-panel comic strip of one scene in the story including speech bubbles for dialogue.</p>	<p>STORY CHARACTERS: Compare and contrast two of the main characters from the book in at least six ways.</p>

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TALE OF TWO CITIES

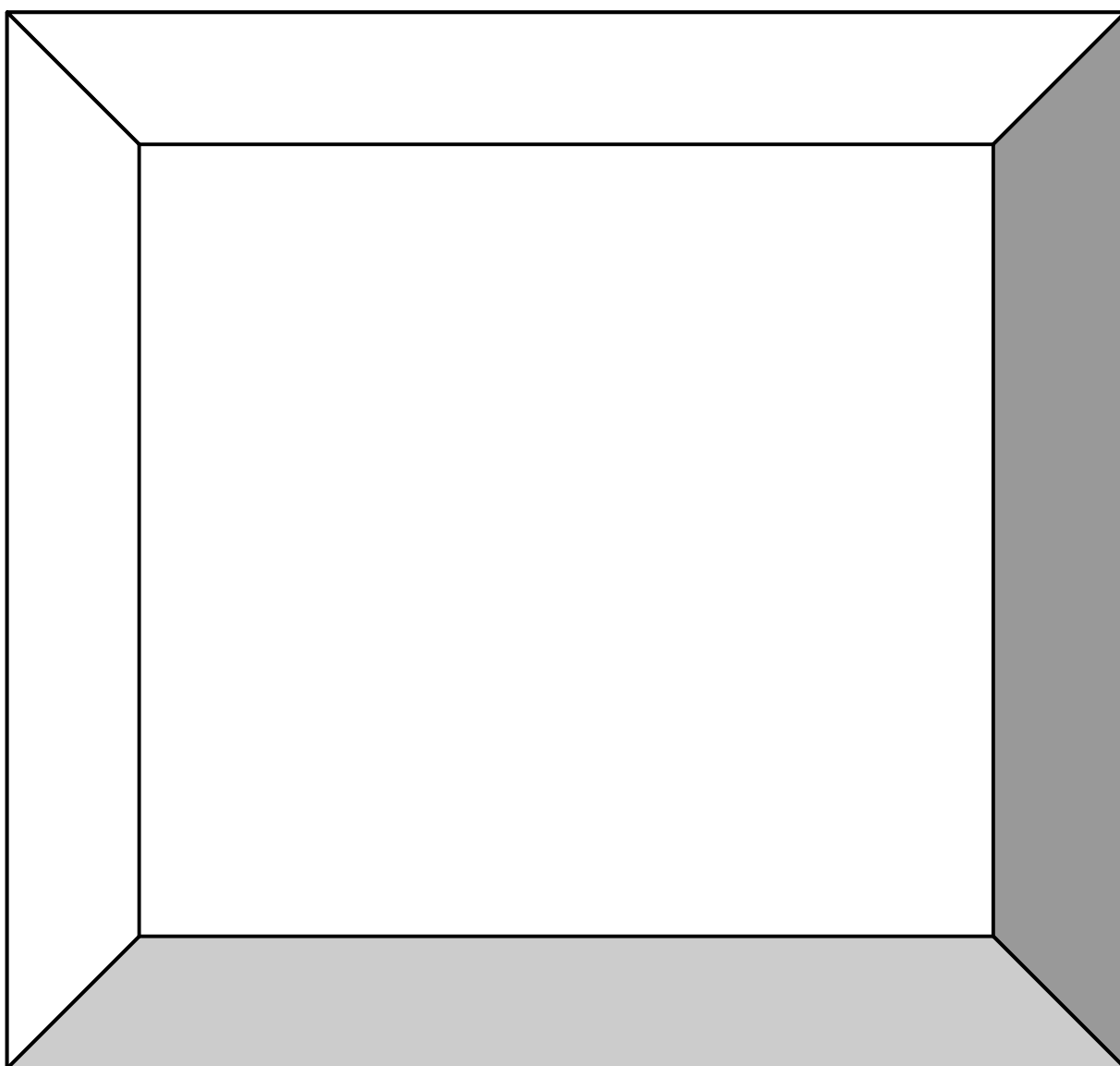
Use Google Earth and Wikipedia to learn more about Missoula, Montana and Nanning, Guangxi. How are the two cities the same? How are they different? Fill out this bubble chart to compare and contrast.



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PILLOW DESIGN

Design your own pillow! Use the phrase "Home is Where the Heart Is" or another similar saying as the central design of the pillow, then add decorations around it.



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CHARACTER ART

Below is the Chinese character 家 that James uses in his art project in the story. Surround the character with sketches of people, places, and things that make you feel at home.



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CHAPTER SUMMARIES

Use the "Someone wanted/but/so then" pattern to write summaries for six of the chapters in the book.

Example: "Mary wanted her sheep to stay at home but it followed her to school so the children laughed and played with it."

Ch. ____: _____ wanted _____

but _____

so then _____

Ch. ____: _____ wanted _____

but _____

so then _____

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INTERNATIONAL CHEF

In the book, James mentions a variety of different foods that he ate in Montana and Guangxi. Find a recipe for one of the foods and make it at home.

A few tips: Guilin Mifen and Laoyou Fen are the two most famous rice noodle dishes from Guangxi. Another very famous rice noodle dish is called Over-the-Bridge Noodles. It's from Guangxi's neighboring province of Yunnan and it's very fun to eat!

Recipe for: _____

Ingredients: _____

Directions: _____

Rate this recipe: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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COMIC STRIP

Draw a six-panel comic strip in the blank panels below to illustrate a scene from the story. Use speech bubbles to include dialogue.

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COMPARE & CONTRAST CHARACTERS

Choose two of the main characters from the book to compare and contrast below.

CHARACTER NAME		
PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		
HOBBIES		
MEMORABLE QUOTE		
LIKES/DOESN'T LIKE ABOUT SCHOOL		
BIGGEST DREAM FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR		
FAVORITE MEMORY OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR		

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WORDS AROUND THE WORLD

James, Annette, and Caroline introduced you to different words and phrases in Mandarin and French in the book. Choose an additional language and three more English words, then fill in the table. You can use translate.google.com to help you translate the words.

ENGLISH	MANDARIN	FRENCH	LANGUAGE OF YOUR CHOICE:
Okay	好的 Hǎo de	C'est bon	
Santa Claus		Père Noël	
Rice noodles	米粉 Mǐfěn		
What a pity.	好可惜 Hǎo kěxī		
Home/house	家 Jiā		

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PEN PALS

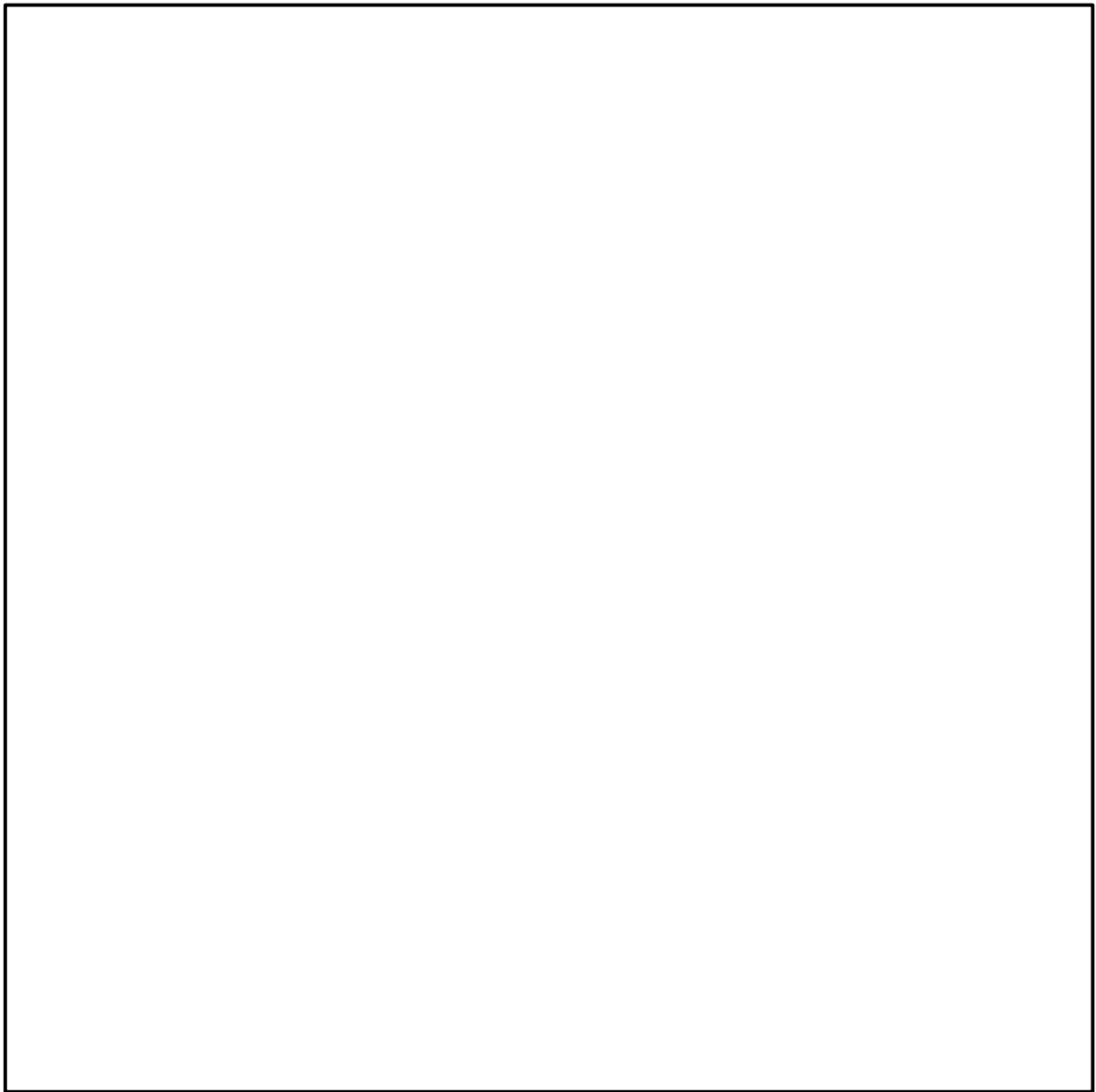
Pretend you are pen pals with James during his first few months in Missoula. Write a series of short letters back and forth between the two of you.

<p>Dear _____,</p> <p>Your friend,</p> <p><i>James</i></p>	<p>Dear James,</p> <p>Your friend,</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Dear _____,</p> <p>Your friend,</p> <p><i>James</i></p>	<p>Dear James,</p> <p>Your friend,</p> <p>_____</p>

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DRAWING JOURNAL

Think of another entry James could have added in his drawing journal based on something that happened in the story. Sketch it below and add a caption.



Caption: _____

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MY OWN PUZZLE

What are the pieces that make up who you are? Write descriptive words or draw images in the puzzle pieces below.

