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GIST Organizer

CENTRAL TEXT _____

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Who?

What?

Where?

When?

Why?

How?

2. Write down the vocabulary words identified by your teacher.

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4. Write a 20-word GIST summary using vocabulary words from steps 2 and 3.

CENTRAL TEXT Homeless

AUTHOR/SOURCE Bernard Wolf

1. Fill out the 5ws and H.

Who? *Mikey and his brother, sister, mom and stepdad.*

What? *They have been staying in homeless shelters.*

Where? *The Lower East Side of New York City.*

When? *It is almost the end of winter.*

Why? *Mikey's family couldn't pay rent.*

How? *Mr. Perez is finding the family an affordable place to live.*

2. Write down the vocabulary words identified by your teacher.

shelter, almost, layers, nervous, expect, probably, meanwhile, permanent, agreement

3. Write down additional words from the text you think are important.

emergency, squeaky, cockroaches, rent, vouchers, probably

4. Write a 20-word GIST summary using vocabulary words from steps 2 and 3.

Mikey and his family cannot pay the rent, so they move to a crowded shelter until Mr. Perez finds an
affordable apartment.
