

1896 Olympic Games

Read. Translate. Fill in the table.

A Medal, gold, swimming, a track, speed skating, gymnastics, an athlete, a place, cycling, hockey, bronze, a participant, triple jump, a winner, fencing, a field, judo, a team, bobsleigh, a basketball player, synchronized swimming, ice hockey, judge, silver, flag.

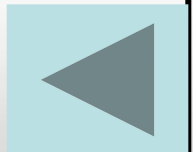
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An athlete	Speed skating	Swimming	A medal
A participant	Hockey	Gymnastics	Gold
A winner	Bobsleigh	Cycling	A track
A team	Ice hockey	Triple jump	A place
A basketball player		Fencing	Bronze
A judge		judo	A field
		Synchronized swimming	Silver flag



General Information

Everyone knows what the Olympic games are. Every four years in summer and two years in winter the best country's sportsmen and sportswomen meet there. However, the Olympic Games have changed greatly from the days when they began.



The first Olympic Games

When the Olympic Games began they were first held in the Greek city of Olympia every four years. These games were held and allowed all free Greek men to compete. Women were prohibited from competing in the Olympic Games.



The first Olympic Games (2)

The first competition was held in 776 B.C. and the final competition was held in 393 A.D. after being canceled by the Christian Emperor, Theodosius I.



The Emblem

There are 5 **Olympic Rings**.

They represent the five continents:
(Africa, America, Asia, Australia, and
Europe) and the athletes from around
the world.

This symbol was designed in 1912
and adopted in 1914.



1896 Olympic Games

were the first Olympic games since ancient times. An 1894 congress organized by Pierre de Coubertin in Paris established the International Olympic Committee and appointed Athens, Greece to be the host city. The Games were held in April, 1896. At that time, it was the largest international sporting event ever held. 14 countries, including the United States, participated.



1896 Olympic Games (2)

There were nine categories of events of the 1896 Olympics. They included athletics, cycling, fencing and wrestling. Other athletes competed in swimming, weightlifting, tennis and gymnastics.



1896 Olympic Games (3)

Winners of the events won medals, although first place medals were silver, second place were bronze.

Winners also received an olive branch and a diploma. The third placed athlete did not receive any reward.



Only male athletes were allowed to participate in the 1896 Olympics. Women would be first allowed to participate in the second Olympic Games in 1900 in Paris, in France.



1896 Olympic Sportsmen

The U.S. team was made up mostly of University students from Harvard and Princeton. The U.S. team won 11 first place medals, the most of any country. Greece won the most medals overall (46). The most successful competitor was German wrestler and gymnast **Carl Schuhmann**, who won four events.



The 1896 Olympics were regarded as a great success even though there were many obstacles and setbacks. The Games had the largest international participation of any sporting event to that date. The Panathinaiko Stadium, the only Olympic stadium used in the 19th Century, overflowed with the largest crowd ever to watch a sporting event. These Games were very popular. Over 80,000 people attended the opening ceremony.



The Questionnaire

The Ancient Olympic Games were made a part of the religious festival in the honour of which mythological deity?

- A) Heracles
- B) Perseus
 - C) Eros
 - D) Zues



Question 2

What is the meaning of the Olympic motto: Citius, Altius, Fortius?

- A) Higher, Stronger, Faster
- B) Faster, Higher, Stronger
- C) Braver, Faster, Higher
- D) Stronger, Braver, Faster



Question 3

Who was the writer of the Olympic oath?

- A) L. Aemilius Cato
- B) Pierre de Coubertin
- C) Apollo
- D) Coroebus



Question 4

In which year were women allowed to participate in the Olympic games?

- A) 1900
- B) 1912
- C) 1924
- D) 1908



Question 5

In which year was the Olympic flag raised for the first time?

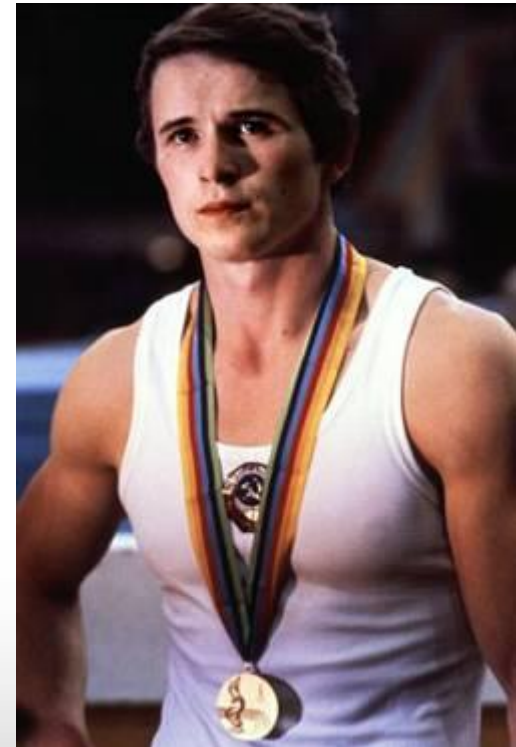
- A) 1916
- B) 1920
- C) 1924
- D) 1932



Question 6

Who set the record for the most medals at one Olympic Games by winning eight medals at the 1980 Moscow Olympics?

- A) Paavo Nurmi
- B) Alexander Dityatin
- C) Mark Spitz
- D) Michael Phelps



Question 7

When and where did the first olympic torch relay take place?

- A) 1932, Munich
- B) 1936, Berlin
- C) 1944, Finland
- D) 1932, Stockholm

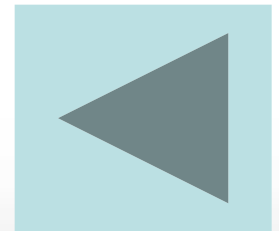


Answers



The Answers

1. D
2. B
3. B
4. A
5. B
6. B
7. B



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