

OLYMPICS

Worksheets

Name: _____



Olympics History



Explain the history of the Olympics using the images below. How are they significant to the Olympics?



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Sport Scramble

Unscramble the letters to come up with the correct answers below.

 What is this sport that is part of the Summer Olympics and includes five events; fencing, swimming, equestrian jumping, and a final event?
 HLTEPNATO → 

 What is this sport that is a part of the Summer Olympics and a kind of hockey played on a grass or indoor board surface?
 FDEIL CHEYKO → 

 What is this sport that is a part of the Winter Olympics where the athlete rides a flat sled and pushes down a steep track?
 KESLTENO → 

 What is this sport that is a part of the Summer Olympics where a two- to four-person team race?
 HSOBLBIGE → 

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Olympics or Not

Cross out the names of the sports that are no longer part of the modern Olympics.

 *softball* *weightlifting* 

taekwondo

archery *golf*

cricket *cross country*

freestyle aerials

rugby *diving* *fencing*

nordic combined *lacrosse*

super-G

rowing *basketball*

tug-of-war

curling *gymnastics* 

OLYMPICS FACTS



The modern Olympic Games are the leading international sporting event featuring summer and winter sports competitions in which thousands of athletes from around the world participate in a variety of competitions. The ancient games date back to before 776 BC and were dedicated to Zeus.

- ★ The ancient Olympic Games date back to 776 BC, but many actually believe they were being held long before that time. The Greeks dedicated these games to the Greek god, Zeus. The original games were held on the plain of Olympia in Peloponnesos, Greece.



Facts

- ★ Only one event took place at the ancient games. It was a short run that was called the “stade”. The race was run by men who competed in the nude. A wreath of olive branches was placed on the winner’s head. In Greek, this is called a kotinos.
- ★ Women couldn’t compete in these games, and they were not allowed to watch either.
- ★ The period of time between the Olympic Games is called an olympiad. It consists of four years.
- ★ Beginning in 1994, the Summer and Winter Olympic Games were staggered so that there is one set of Olympic Games, summer or winter, alternating every two years.
- ★ As time went on, more sports were added and the Olympics continued to grow. Even today, with the modern Olympics, new sports are being added as well as some sports being eliminated. Some of the sports we no longer see at the Olympics are: Golf, basque pelota, croquet, jeu de paume, lacrosse, polo, rackets, roque, rugby, union, cricket, tug-of-war and softball.



Facts

- ★ Originally, the Olympics were only held in the summer. The first winter Olympics were held in 1924, in Chamonix, France.
- ★ The Olympic flag has five intersecting rings. They are each a different color: Red, black, green, blue and yellow. The rings are displayed on a white background. The rings represent the five parts of the world that were joined together in the Olympic movement: The Americas, Australia, Africa, Asia, and Europe. Baron de Coubertin designed the flag of the Olympics in 1913-1914, and it was first used at the 1920 Olympic Games in Antwerp, Belgium.
- ★ A flame is lit for each Olympics, and it burns throughout the games. The flame symbolizes the death and rebirth of Greek heroes. This tradition began during the ancient Olympic Games, over 2 700 years ago in Greece. There was no torch relay in the ancient Olympics. The first torch relay took place at the 1936 games in Berlin, Germany.



Facts

- ★ The following sports are part of the Summer Olympics: Archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, boxing, canoeing, cycling, diving, equestrian, fencing, field hockey, soccer, gymnastics, handball, judo, pentathlon, rowing, sailing, shooting, swimming, synchronized swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, triathlon, volleyball, water polo, weightlifting, wrestling.
- ★ The following sports are part of the Winter Olympics: Biathlon, combined downhill, cross country, downhill, freestyle aerials, freestyle moguls, giant slalom, nordic combined, slalom, snowboarding, ski jumping, super-g, bobsleigh, luge, skeleton, curling, figure skating, ice dancing, ice hockey, speed skating, short track.



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Spot the Sport

Hidden in the mix of letters are six names of sports played in the Summer and Winter Olympics. Encircle them once you've spotted them!

J C V T R P N A C U X D Y S Z
B A T U B U O S A E R G M H B
X V P I C E D A N C I N G O X
P A B Z N R C P O W U T T R H
B U G I W I F C E B X M V T F
K N K K A R O W I B S T M T W
E R C A I T R S N Z G S O R A
O W Q N N P H F G D F P L A T
E H E K Z Q Y L D N W C A C E
Q M P P B Z Y I O W P I L K R
D I W J W P B N T N V P S O P
O M V Q X P Z D I P N R J E O
R O H W L R P V D U G P E F L
T I J B N D G S B G U N L J O
V H O B I T P B Y G P O N Q S

Biathlon
Canoeing
Water polo



Slalom
Short track
Ice dancing



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Spot The Sport

ANSWER KEY

Hidden in the mix of letters are seven names of sports played in the Summer and Winter Olympics. Encircle them once you've spotted them!

J	C	V	T	R	P	N	A	C	U	X	D	Y	S	Z
B	A	T	U	B	U	O	S	A	E	R	G	M	H	B
X	V	P	I	C	E	D	A	N	C	I	N	G	O	X
P	A	B	Z	N	R	C	P	O	W	U	T	T	R	H
B	U	G	I	W	I	F	C	E	B	X	M	V	T	F
K	N	K	A	R	O	W	I	B	S	T	M	T	W	
E	R	C	A	I	T	R	S	N	Z	G	S	O	R	A
O	W	Q	N	N	P	H	F	G	D	F	P	L	A	T
E	H	E	K	Z	Q	Y	L	D	N	W	C	A	C	E
Q	M	P	P	B	Z	Y	I	O	W	P	I	L	K	R
D	I	W	J	W	P	B	N	T	N	V	P	S	O	P
O	M	V	Q	X	P	Z	D	I	P	N	R	J	E	O
R	O	H	W	L	R	P	V	D	U	G	P	E	F	L
T	I	J	B	N	D	G	S	B	G	U	N	L	J	O
V	H	O	B	I	T	P	B	Y	G	P	O	N	Q	S

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