

Olympic Games Review

Week 8 • Friday • Showing What We Know

Reading Time

Ready, set, review! This week we traveled to Olympia, where the first recorded Olympic Games were held in 776 BC to honor Zeus. City-states even paused their wars with a truce so athletes could travel safely.

We learned the events: the stade running race, wrestling, javelin, discus, the five-event pentathlon, and the wild chariot races. Winners received olive-leaf crowns and became famous heroes back home.

We saw that the games came back in 1896 in Athens and grew into today's Olympics, with athletes from over 200 countries, medals, the torch relay from Olympia, and winter sports too. The Olympic spirit — training hard and playing fair — is 2,800 years old and still going strong!

What We Learned This Week

- ✓ The first games: 776 BC at Olympia, honoring Zeus.
- ✓ Events: running, wrestling, javelin, discus, chariots.
- ✓ Winners got olive crowns and great fame.
- ✓ The modern games began again in 1896.
- ✓ Fair play mattered then and matters now.

True or False Quiz

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ The first recorded Olympics were in 776 BC.
- ☐ The games honored the god Zeus.
- ☐ The first Olympics had one hundred events.
- ☐ Winners received crowns of olive leaves.
- ☐ Cheaters were celebrated as heroes.
- ☐ The modern Olympics began in 1896 in Athens.
- ☐ The Olympic flame is lit at ancient Olympia.

Fill in the Blanks

Olympia truce stade olive Zeus

1. The ancient games were held in the town of _____.
2. The games honored _____, king of the gods.
3. Warring cities agreed to a _____ during the games.
4. The first event was a race called the _____.
5. Winners wore crowns of _____ leaves.

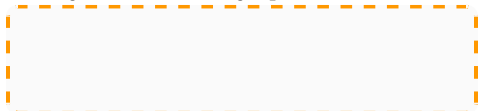
Show What You Know

1. Explain how the ancient Olympics and today's Olympics are alike AND different.

2. What does 'fair play' mean to you?

Draw It!

Draw your favorite Olympic moment from this week: a chariot race, a champion's crown, or the torch relay.



Review

I can...	Circle one
Tell where and when the Olympics began	YES / NOT YET
Name three ancient Olympic events	YES / NOT YET
Compare ancient and modern games	YES / NOT YET