

Olympics Now and Then

Ready-To-Use Activities for Substitute Teachers

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Name _____ Date _____



Understanding What You Read

Fill in the chart below showing how the modern Olympics are the same and different from the original Olympics.

	Original Olympics	Modern Olympics
How Often Held:		
Women Competing?		
Awards:		
Training Required?		
Purpose of Games:		



Tell Your Own Story

Write a letter to the mayor explaining why your city or a large city near you should host the next Olympic Games. Give reasons for your choice.

Name _____ Date _____



Vocabulary Builder

The English language has borrowed several Greek words. Use a dictionary to find the meaning of each word below. Write the meaning on the line provided.

1. acoustic _____
2. chronicle _____
3. eureka _____
4. metropolis _____
5. parallel _____



Figure it Out!

1. The United States team took 9 of 12 events at the 1896 Olympics. Express these numbers as a fraction. _____
2. The original Olympic Games ended in 393. The modern Olympics began in 1896. For how many years were there no games? _____
3. If a meter is 3.28 feet, how many feet does a runner in a 500-meter race run? _____
4. The modern Olympics began in 1896. Women were allowed to compete in 1928. How many years did only men compete in the modern games? _____



Map Moments

The Olympics are now held in different cities around the world. The cities listed below have hosted the summer Olympic Games. Use a map of the world to find each city. On the line provided, list the country and continent for each one.

1. 1904 St. Louis _____
2. 1952 Helsinki _____
3. 1964 Tokyo _____
4. 1968 Mexico City _____
5. 2000 Sydney _____
6. What three continents are not included in this list? _____