

Y5/6 – The Olympic Games: more than just a sporting competition?

Procedural knowledge

Value diversity

Challenge discrimination, prejudice and stereotypes in sport

Recognise and manage pressure in a variety of situations

Recognise individuality and different qualities in others

Answer and devise own historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference and significance.

Factual and Conceptual knowledge

Why were the Ancient Olympics stopped?

Emperor Theodosius I ordered the closure of the Olympics in 393. This was because he was a Christian. The Olympics were a celebration of not only sport but also religion; however not the Christian religion therefore they were considered a Pagan event.

Why were the Olympic Games resurrected?

A Frenchman named Pierre de Coubertin wanted to restart the games. He believed the Olympic Games could contribute to world peace and international friendship. He thought this was important following the Greek War of Independence.



When were the first official modern Olympics held?

The first modern Olympic Games were hosted in Athens in 1896. The Games brought together 14 nations and 241 athletes who competed in 43 events.

Olympics abolished 393AD

Vikings settled in Britain 793AD

First modern Olympics 1896

Great Fire of London 1666

WWII 1939 - 1945

In which years were the Olympics cancelled?

The Olympics of 1916, 1940 and 1944 were cancelled because of WW1 and WW2

What were the key moments of the modern Olympic Games?

1900	Paris, France	First female athletes participated
1924	France	First Winter Olympics were held
1960	Rome	First Paralympic Games were held.
2010	Singapore	First Youth Games were held

In the 1970's, requirements that only amateur athletes enter the Olympic Games were phased out and after 1988, the IOC decided to allow professional athletes in all sports to participate.

What is the Olympic motto?

The Olympic motto, Citius, Altius, Fortius, a Latin expression meaning "Faster, Higher, Stronger" has been official since 1924.

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Key Vocabulary

unite, core values, motto, International Olympic Committee (IOC), Olympic Charter, citizen, equality, professional, amateurism, diverse, resolution

Links

Diagonal links with Ancient Greeks Y3/4 A