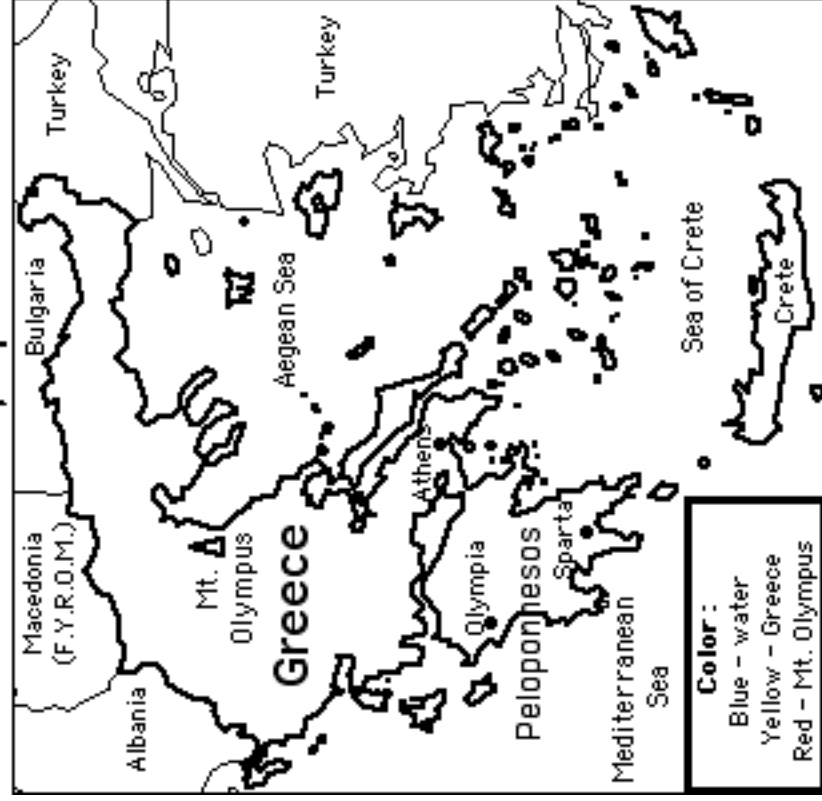


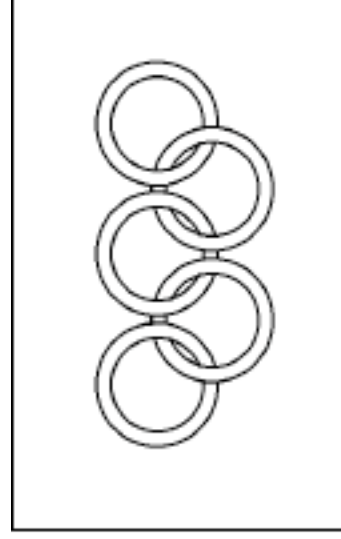
## The Ancient Olympic Games



The Greeks held the first Olympic games in the year 776 BC (over 2700 years ago). The first games had only one event, a sprint (a short run that was called the "stade").

The ancient Greeks dedicated the Olympic Games to the god Zeus. The original games were held on the plain of Olympia in Peloponnesos, Greece.

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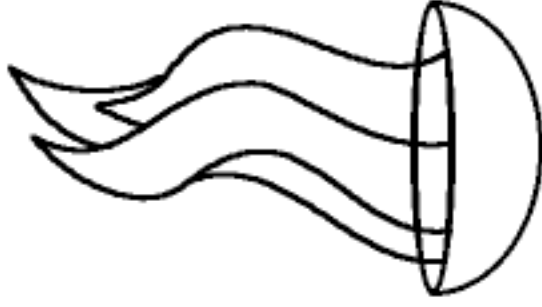
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## The Olympic Flame



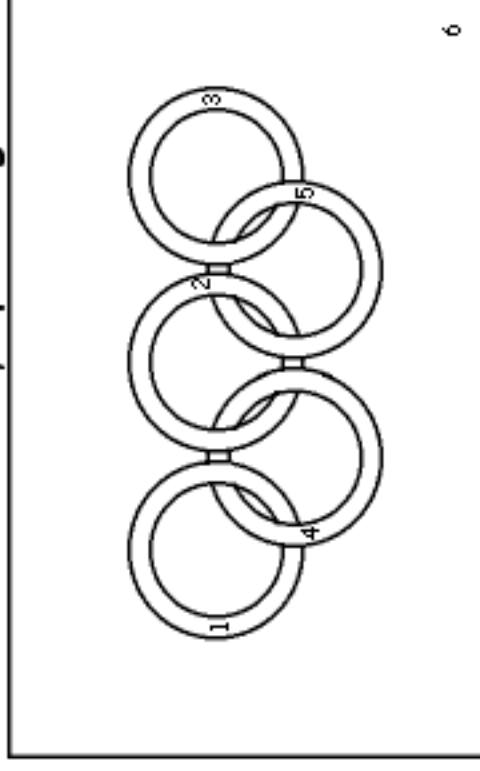
The tradition of the Olympic flame began during the ancient Olympic Games, over 2700 years ago in Greece. A flame was lit for each Olympics, every four years, and burned throughout the games. The flame symbolized the death and rebirth of Greek heroes.

For each Olympics, a new flame is started in the ancient Olympic stadium in Olympia, Greece, using a parabolic mirror to focus the rays of the Sun. The flame is extinguished during the closing ceremony.

There was no torch relay in the ancient Olympics. The first torch relay occurred at the 1936 games in Germany.

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## The Olympic Flag



**Color:** 1 - blue 3 - red 5 - green  
2 - black 4 - yellow 6 - white

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The Olympic flag is paraded during the opening ceremony of the Olympics. The flag has five interlocking rings on a white field. The rings represent the five parts of the world that were joined together in the Olympics: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia and Europe.

Pierre de Frédy, Baron de Coubertin, a French educator and sportsman, revived the Olympics; the first modern games were held in 1896 in Athens, Greece. De Coubertin designed the flag of the Olympics in 1913-1914. The flag was first used in the 1920 games in Antwerp, Belgium.

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## Events of The Summer Olympics

Fill in the blanks:



a\_\_chery, ba\_\_minton,  
base\_\_all, basketball,  
bo\_\_ing, \_\_anoeing,  
\_\_ycling, di\_\_ing,  
\_\_questrian, \_\_encing,  
\_\_ootball (soccer),  
\_\_ymnastics, hand\_\_all, ho\_\_key,  
ju\_\_o, kaya\_\_ing, mara\_\_hon,  
pentath\_\_on, \_\_ing pong,  
ro\_\_ing, sai\_\_ing, s\_\_ooting,  
\_\_wimming, taekwan\_\_o,  
\_\_ennis, trac\_\_ and field,  
t\_\_iathlon, \_\_olleyball, \_\_ater  
polo, weight\_\_ifting, w\_\_estling.

## Events of The Winter Olympics

Put the events in alphabetical order:

ice hockey	
Alpine skiing	
bobsleigh	
biathlon	
curling	
cross-country	
freestyle skiing	
figure skating	
Nordic combined	
luge	
skeleton	
skiing	
ski jumping	
slalom	
snowboarding	
speed skating	

## Some Modern Olympic Locations



### Color:

Water - blue	Australia - yellow	South America - brown
Africa - red	Europe - green	Antarctica - white
Asia - orange	North America - purple	Where you live - black X

### Summer Olympics

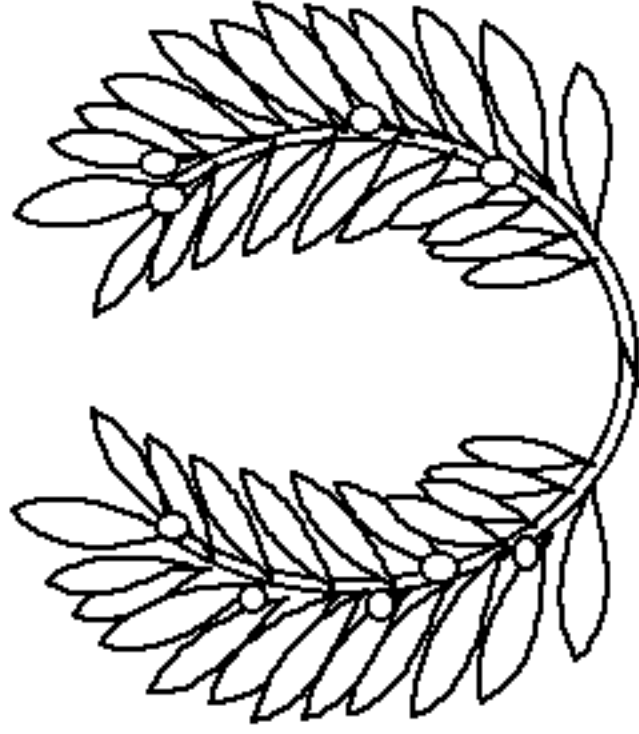
1936 - Berlin, Germany  
 1940 - Canceled  
 1944 - Canceled  
 1948 - London, England  
 1952 - Helsinki, Finland  
 1956 - Melbourne, Australia  
 1960 - Rome, Italy  
 1964 - Tokyo, Japan  
 1968 - Mexico City, Mexico  
 1972 - Munich, Germany  
 1976 - Montreal, Canada  
 1980 - Moscow, Russia  
 1984 - Los Angeles, CA, USA  
 1988 - Seoul, South Korea  
 1992 - Barcelona, Spain  
 1996 - Atlanta, GA, USA  
 2000 - Sydney, Australia  
 2004 - Athens, Greece

### Winter Olympics

1940 - Canceled  
 1944 - Canceled  
 1948 - St. Moritz, Switzerland  
 1952 - Oslo, Norway  
 1956 - Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy  
 1960 - Squaw Valley, CA, USA  
 1964 - Innsbruck, Austria  
 1968 - Grenoble, France  
 1972 - Sapporo, Japan  
 1976 - Innsbruck, Austria  
 1980 - Lake Placid, N.Y.  
 1984 - Sarajevo, Yugoslavia  
 1988 - Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
 1992 - Albertville, France  
 1994 - Lillehammer, Norway  
 1998 - Nagano, Japan  
 2002 - Salt Lake City, UT, USA  
 2006 - Turin, Italy

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## Olympic Medals



Winners of the ancient Olympics were given a wreath made of olive branches (kotinos in Greek). The winners of the modern Olympics are given medals - gold for first place, silver for second place, and bronze for third place.

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