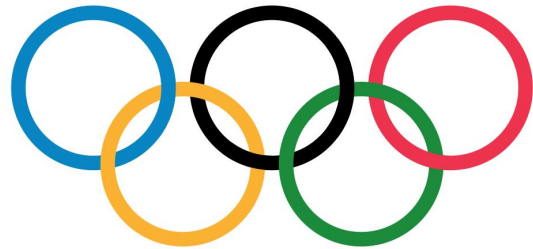
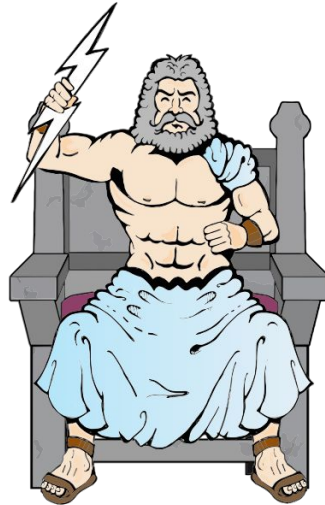


THE EVOLUTION OF THE OLYMPICS



The first Olympic games

Ancient games were staged in Olympia, Greece, from 776 BC. They were originally to worship the God Zeus. The early games included different running events. The winners received a olive wreath. Over time more events were added including long jump, shot put, javelin, boxing, wrestling, pankration and chariot racing. Initially it was a one day event, but by 684 BC it was held over three days. The games took place every four years.



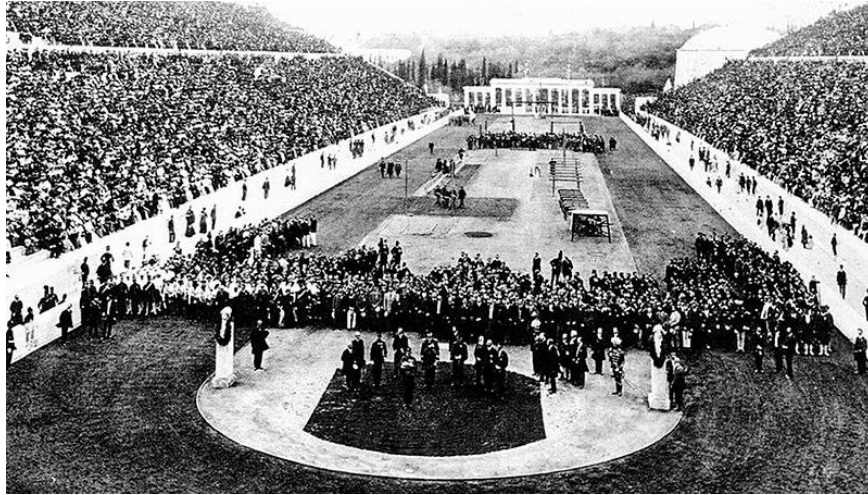
The bit in-between

The games continued to be celebrated in Greece until AD 393. When under the roman rule of Emperor Theodosius the games were suppressed in the campaign to impose Christianity. It would be approximately 1600 years before it returned.



The Modern Olympics

In 1896 the first modern Olympic games were held in Athens. They included 14 nations, 241 athletes and 43 events. The games were held over nine days.



Rio 2016

By 2016 the Olympic games have grown to 207 Nations, 11,238 athletes and 306 events. It took 17 days. Competitors receive a medal if they finish in the top three, Gold for 1st, Silver for 2nd and Bronze for 3rd.

