

The Story of the Olympics: An Unofficial History

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Background Information

1 F, 2 T, 3 F, 4 T, 5 F, 6 T, 7 T, 8 F, 9 T, 10 F, 11 F, 12 F

Important People

- 1 *William Penny Brookes*
- 2 *Georgios Averoff*
- 3 *Evangelis Zappas*
- 4 *Panagiotis Soutsos*
- 5 *Demetrious Vikelas*
- 6 *Pierre de Coubertin*

Important Dates

- 1 *456 BC*
- 2 *1896*
- 3 *1906*
- 4 *1904*
- 5 *1956*
- 6 *1908*
- 7 *1920*
- 8 *1924*
- 9 *1928*
- 10 *1936*

Vocabulary: Sports words

Track events: *running, hurdles, team relays, walking*

Field events: *discus, javelin, long jump, pole vault*

Water sports: *water polo, canoeing, rowing, sailing, swimming*

Winter sports: *luge, bobsledding, ice-skating, skiing*

1 e, 2 c, 3 a, 4 b, 5 g, 6 d, 7 h, 8 i, 9 f

Vocabulary: Odd one out

1 c, 2 b, 3 d, 4 c, 5 c, 6 a

Vocabulary: Anagrams

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|----|----------------|---|----------------|
| 1 | <i>boycott</i> | 1 | <i>boycott</i> |
| 2 | destroy | 2 | modern |
| 3 | celebrities | 3 | ancient |
| 4 | terrorists | 4 | celebrities |
| 5 | hostage | 5 | injury |
| 6 | injury | 6 | terrorists |
| 7 | publicity | 7 | publicity |
| 8 | rights | | |
| 9 | ancient | | |
| 10 | modern | | |
| 11 | triumph | | |
| 12 | struggle | | |

Vocabulary: Collocations

do: *gymnastics*, archery, judo, taekwondo, weightlifting

play: baseball, croquet, football, ice hockey, volleyball

Word Focus

Noun	Verb	Adjective
bravery	–	brave
achievement	achieve	–
celebration	celebrate	–
independence	–	independent
competition	compete	competitive
disappointment	disappoint	disappointed
invasion	invade	–
injury	injure	injured
success	succeed	successful
organization	organize	organized

- 1 *disappointed*
- 2 compete
- 3 celebration
- 4 injured
- 5 successful
- 6 organization

Grammar: Comparatives and superlatives

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|---|----------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | <i>shorter</i> | 7 | easier |
| 2 | bigger | 8 | more excited |
| 3 | the fastest | 9 | more expensive |
| 4 | the highest | 10 | better |
| 5 | heavier | 11 | the most |
| 6 | the best | | |

Grammar: The present perfect

- 1 *Some countries have lost money.*
- 2 The Games have become shorter.
- 3 Some of the equipment has changed.
- 4 The Paralympics have become more popular.
- 5 The cost of hosting the Olympics has increased.
- 6 Many athletes have become famous.

Grammar: The present perfect passive

- 1 *More money has been spent on security.*
- 2 The photo-finish has been introduced.
- 3 Women have been allowed to compete.
- 4 More events have been added.
- 5 More records have been broken.
- 6 Some athletes have been disqualified.

Pronunciation: Vowel sounds

/ɑː/: *army, archaeologist, archery, architect, branches*

/æ/: *track, anthem, athlete, chariot, statue*

/eɪ/: *slaves, ancient, celebrations, invasion, stadium*

Pronunciation: Syllable stress

- *chariot, architect, celebrate, weightlifting*
- *invasion, spectator, successful*
- *celebrity, memorial, publicity*
- *disappointment, independent, intellectual*