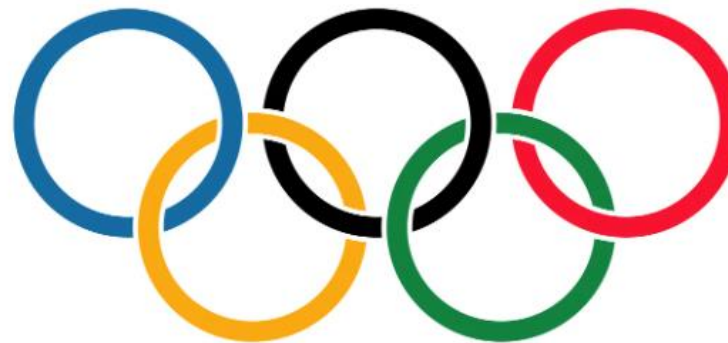


How have sporting events developed over time?

Vocabulary	Definition
amphitheatre	an open circular or oval building with a central space surrounded by tiers of seats for spectators, for the presentation of dramatic or sporting events
anarchy	a state of disorder due to absence or non-recognition of authority
ancient	belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence
chronology	the arrangement of events or dates in the order of their occurrence
democracy	a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives
monarchy	a form of government with a monarch at the head
oligarchy	a small group of people having control of a country or organisation
primary source	the most direct evidence of a time or event, created by people or things that were there at the time or event
society	a group of people living together in a more or less ordered community
tyranny	cruel and oppressive government or rule



The five-coloured, Olympic rings represent the five inhabited continents of the world. These are- Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania.



Ancient Greece wasn't a single country, rather it was made up of states that governed themselves.



Festivals were an important way that the ancient Greeks worshipped. Sometimes, these festivals included musical or sporting competitions, such as the Olympic Games which was included in the Festival of Zeus.

The United Nations and the Olympic Truce

The Olympic movement aspires to contribute to a peaceful future for humankind through the educational value of sport. It brings together athletes from all parts of the world in the greatest of international sports events, the Olympic Games, and it aims to promote the maintenance of peace, mutual understanding and goodwill — goals it shares with the United Nations. As an expression of these common objectives, in 1998 the International Olympic Committee decided to fly the United Nations flag at all competition sites of the Olympic Games.



Many primary sources from the time teach us about the original Games. Initially a one-day event until 684 BC, the Games were extended to three days. In the 5th century B.C., the Games were extended again to cover five days. The ancient Games included running, long jump, shot put, javelin, boxing, pankration (an unarmed, combat sport) and equestrian events.

The first modern Olympic Games took place in Athens in 1896

The first Winter Olympics in Chamonix, France in 1924

The first Paralympics took place in Rome, 1960

The Ancient Olympics Olympia, Greece, from 776 BC until 393AD

Women competed for the first time at the 1900 Games in Paris

The first Commonwealth games were held in Hamilton, Scotland in 1930

The first Invictus Games were held in London in 2014