

- Read the following reading about the history of the Olympics, then answer true or false.



OLYMPIC SPORTS

History of the Olympics

The Olympic Games were started in ancient Greece 3,000 years ago and they were brought back to life in the 19th century. At the beginning, the Olympic Games were a celebration. People participated to honor the god Zeus, every four years from the 8th century B.C. to the 4th century A.D. The first modern Olympic Games took place in Athens, in 1896 with only 280 athletes from 13 nations. The participants competed in 43 competitions. In 1994, the Summer Olympic Games and the Winter Olympic Games were split. Today, the Olympics are the most important sports competition in the world with more than 300 events. In 1896, track and field, gymnastics, swimming, shooting, fencing, cycling, tennis, weightlifting, and others like figure skating and ice hockey were added.

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