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Read the text below. What is the purpose of each paragraph?

The Olympic Games

1. The Olympic Games began in 776 BCE in Olympia, an early sporting centre in ancient Greece where athletes competed to show their skills. Over time, the Games expanded from a single running event to many different competitions, thanks to the dedication of athletes who trained hard to improve their abilities.

2. The modern Olympic Games started again in 1896 in Athens, bringing together athletes from 12 nations competing in 43 events. During the opening ceremony, teams marched into the stadium to represent their countries, creating a tradition that continues today. The modern Games set the stage for athletes who hope to stand on the podium and proudly receive their medals.

3. The 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris included 329 events in 32 sports and teams from 206 national committees. As usual, the Olympic torch was lit in Greece and carried to Paris to begin the celebrations. The next Games will be held in Los Angeles in 2028, where new sports and more mixed events will continue to shape the future of the Olympics.

4. During the Paris 2024 Games, the United States and China both won 40 gold medals, marking the first time two nations tied for the most golds in a Summer Olympics. French swimmer Léon Marchand finished the Games with four gold medals, and his strong performances showed great dedication, helping him come close to breaking a record in his events.

5. The Olympic program continues to grow. Looking ahead to Los Angeles 2028, several new sports will be added, including cricket, flag football, lacrosse (sixes), squash, and baseball/softball, giving more athletes the chance to represent their nations on the world stage.

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A. It looks ahead to future changes.

B. It gives information about the most recent event.

C. It explains when and where it first began.

D. It gives details about impressive results.

E. It describes the beginning of the modern version.

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