

THE OLYMPIC GAMES



The ancient Olympics

The ancient Greeks dedicated the Olympic Games to the God Zeus.

Olympia was the place of the first Olympic Games (77 before Christ- over 2700 years ago) and had only one event, a sprint (short run).

The winner of the competition got an olive tree crown. The olive tree was the sacred tree of Athens, Greece.

Today winners of the Olympics get a medal: a golden medal for the first place, a silver medal for the second place, and a bronze medal for the third place.

The symbol of the Olympic Games

The flag of the Olympic Games has five interlocking rings (blue, yellow, black, green and red) on a white ground. The rings represent the five parts of the world that were joined together in the Olympic movement: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Oceania and Europe.

The Olympic flag was first used in the 1920 Olympic Games in Belgium.

compare using this information:

- Place
- How long it takes
- Awards
- Games
- Rings
- Competitors (male or female)
- Flags
- Aims (objectives)

Name: _____	Date: _____
<h2>Compare and Contrast</h2>	
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Text #1 Ancient Games	Text #2 Olympic Games
Similarities	
Differences	

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