

Read the text. Then complete it using the correct words from the box.

IMPORTANT: You MUST include punctuation where needed (periods, commas and capital letters).

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Olympic Games

The Olympic Games is the greatest international sport event in the world in which thousands of athletes compete in different types of sports. The Olympic idea means fraternity and cooperation among the people of the world.

The original Olympic Games began in ancient Greece in 776 B.C. These games were part of a festival held every four years in honour of God Zeus in the town called Olympia. It was a great athletic festival, including competitions in wrestling, foot racing and chariot racing and others.

The Games were very important for ancient world. In the period of Games all wars were stopped. The Games were accompanied by arts festivals. Poets recited their poems, singers sang hymns — all this in honour of God Zeus and the sacred Games.

All athletes competed naked. The modern word "gymnastics" originates from the Greek word "gymnos" that means "naked".

Only men could take part in the Olympic Games. Greek women were forbidden not only to participate but also to watch the Games. But there existed Games for women named Gerai (called after goddess Gera).



The Olympic Games took place from the 8th century BC till the 4th century AD. In 394 AD the Roman Emperor Theodosius banned the Olympic Games because he decided that these competitions are, in essence, pagan festival.