

1. Read and analyze the following text and notice how the Olympic Games have evolved over the years.

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.

2. Then answer the following questions according to the text you have just analyzed.

A. When did the Olympic games start?

B. Where did the first Olympic games take place?

C. Why did people participate in the Olympic games?

D. In 1994, how many games were the Olympic Games divided into and what were they?

E. Currently how many events do the Olympic Games have?
