



THE ANCIENT OLYMPICS



Time Travel to the Ancient Olympics

1. Where were the Ancient Olympics held? Choose the most precise answer.

- Greece
- Athens
- Paris
- Olympia



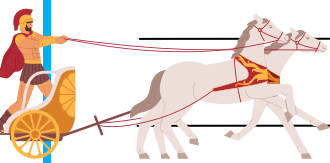
2. How was the Greek god Zeus involved in the Ancient Olympics?



3. Winners at the Ancient Games were given a crown of leaves from a sacred olive tree, but the real prize was the honour and glory of being a champion. Do you think that's true today? Is the real prize the gold medal, or the honour and glory? Why do you think that?



4. Name two sports that were included in the Ancient Olympics. Which of the two would you prefer to try yourself? Why?



5. Only men were allowed to compete at the Ancient Games, and possibly unmarried women were allowed to watch. How do you think men thought about married women in Ancient Greece?

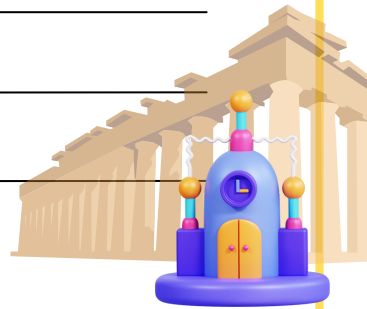
6. Imagine that you really could travel back in a time machine to Ancient Greece, and have a conversation with an Olympic athlete. What are the three most important questions you would you ask them?

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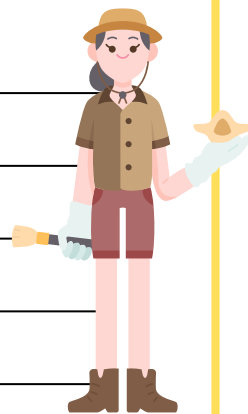
II.

III.

7. Why did you choose those questions?



8. There's no historical evidence of the games going beyond the year 393, but it's tricky for historians to say for sure when and why the Ancient Olympics ended. What does that tell you about studying Ancient history? What makes it hard?



9. We learned that the word 'pankration' comes from two Ancient Greek words, 'pan', which means 'everything' or 'all', and 'kratos', which means might or power. Now that you know those root words, what do you think these words might mean?

Pandemic

Panorama

Democracy

(hint: 'demos'

means people)
