



## Diving into the Modern Olympics

1. Where was the first Modern Olympic Games held?

- Greece
- France
- The USA
- Australia



2. Check all the reasons you heard that Pierre de Coubertin, the father of the modern Olympics, wanted to have an international Games.

- He thought that it would promote peace.
- He wanted to encourage more sports in schools.
- He hoped to win a gold medal.
- He wanted to develop closer friendships between people and nations.

3. Who was not allowed to compete in the 1896 Games? What do you personally think about that?




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4. The Paralympic Games are a special event for athletes with disabilities. What big world event happened that eventually led to the start of the Paralympic Games?

- World War II, when many service people returned with injuries.
- An international dance competition.
- The eruption on Mt. Vesuvius.
- The invention of the internet.



5. What kind of person do you think Edwin Flack, Australia's first Olympian, was? What makes you say that?

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6. The Olympic rings represent the continents of the world. Which continent missed out on a ring?



7. We learned in the podcast that the Olympic gold medals are actually mostly silver, meaning that their actual value is about \$1,000, but to the athletes, they are priceless. Why do you think this is?



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8. In 1928, a Japanese filmmaker created a short animated film called "Animal Olympic Games," where he imagined what it would be like if, for example, monkeys did gymnastics, or a kangaroo competed in boxing. Pick your favourite animal, and draw it competing in one of the Olympic sports!

