

The Olympic Games

The Olympic Games started in ancient Greece a very long time ago — nearly 3,000 years ago! They were held in a place called Olympia. The Greeks held the games to honour their most important god, Zeus.

Only men and boys were allowed to take part.

Women were not allowed to compete or even watch!

Athletes ran races, jumped, threw heavy objects and wrestled. They did not win medals like today. Instead, the winner received a crown made from olive leaves.

The games were held every four years. People came from all over Greece to watch and compete. It was a very special event!

Questions

1. Where were the ancient Olympic Games held?
2. How long ago did the Olympic Games start?
3. Which god were the games held to honour?
4. Who was allowed to take part in the games?
5. Were women allowed to watch the games?
6. Name one sport that athletes competed in.
7. What did the winner receive as a prize?
8. What was the winner's crown made from?
9. How often were the games held?
10. Why do you think people travelled from all over Greece to watch the games?



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