

The Olympic Games

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Read pages 2-7

1. What are the Olympic Games?
2. Why do you think many see winning an Olympic gold medal as the greatest achievement?
3. When did the Olympics begin?
4. Have winners always won gold medals? Explain your answer.
5. Why did the Olympics stop?

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6. What does the Olympic Flag represent?
7. How is it decided where the Olympics are held?
8. Why do cities / countries want to host the Olympics?
9. Why does hosting an Olympics cost a lot of money?
10. Why are Doves released at an opening ceremony?

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11. How many different sports are played at an Olympics?
12. Who is Dorando Pietri?
13. List two differences between a decathlon and heptathlon.
14. What was interesting about swimming in 1896 and 1900?
15. How long are rowing races?
16. Explain the three types of events in equestrian.
17. Why do you think there are time limits for combat sports?
18. Why is Nadia Comaneci famous?
19. When are the Paralympics held?

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20. How many sporting events are held at a Winter Olympics?
21. Why do you think the winners medal is gold?
22. Explain how you think it would feel to win a gold medal at the Olympics.

Fast Finishers:

- Design a medal for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games
- Every Olympics now has a mascot. Create a mascot for an Olympics in New Zealand.