

ANCIENT GREECE

Enquiry Grid 6:

What are the similarities and differences between the ancient and modern Olympic Games?

Chapter/s and Section/s used:

Festivals and Games Chapter – Story section

Individual project:

This links with QCA Unit 15, section 6. Children work through the above section to find out about the ancient Games. Encourage them to work carefully through each day and each event on that day. They will then need to explore some information about the modern Olympics, which will need to be sourced. Once they have done this, they can complete the enquiry grid to find the similarities and differences between the ancient and modern games.

Class project:

The enquiry grid could be used as part of a whole class teaching session, by making use of an overhead projector.

Extensions:

Children could use the model of Olympia to draw their own plan of the site, labelling the areas and devising a key to show what events happened where.

Background Information:

You may find the following Background Information sheets found on www.ancientgreece.co.uk useful for this activity:

The Olympics

The Olympic Games

	Ancient Greek Olympics	Modern Olympics
How often are the Games held?		
How long do the Games last?		
Who can compete in the Games?		
List 3 sporting events that only occurred at the ancient Games and 3 events that only occur at the modern Games.		
List 4 sporting events held at both Games.		
Do the Games tell us anything about religious beliefs? If yes, give details.		
How are the winners rewarded?		
What similarities are there between the ancient and modern Games?		
What differences are there between the ancient and modern Games?		