

Quick Check

The Olympics Past and Present

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

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| <p>1. Why were many athletes hurt or killed in the ancient Games?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The athletes were not well trained. Ⓑ The athletes didn't know how to play the games. Ⓒ Some of the events were dangerous. Ⓓ All of the above <p>2. Why did many of the early Olympic winners become wealthy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The winners won a lot of money. Ⓑ The winners sold their olive wreaths. Ⓒ The winners were rewarded when they returned to their hometowns. Ⓓ The winners went to the Games again. | <p>3. Why did people feel safe to travel throughout Greece each time the Olympics were held?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The Olympics were a time of peace. Ⓑ People often made business deals or held family reunions in Olympia. Ⓒ The Games had religious meaning. Ⓓ None of the above <p>4. What is one difference between the people who watched the ancient Olympics and the people who watch today?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ More people watched the ancient games. Ⓑ Adult women were not allowed to watch the ancient games. Ⓒ Children were not allowed to watch the ancient games. Ⓓ Only athletes who competed in the Games were allowed to watch the ancient Olympics. |
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5. Why were these famous games called the *Olympics*?
 - Ⓐ They were played in the city of Olympia.
 - Ⓑ They honored the Greek goddess Olympia.
 - Ⓒ They were started by the king of Greece.
 - Ⓓ The first athletes chose this name.
6. About how long have the modern Olympics been going on?
 - Ⓐ 500 years
 - Ⓑ 100 years
 - Ⓒ 50 years
 - Ⓓ 200 years
7. What is true of the Olympic torch relay?
 - Ⓐ The torch starts in Olympia, Greece.
 - Ⓑ The torch is carried by many people around the world.
 - Ⓒ The torch ends in the city hosting that year's Olympics.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
8. How are the ancient Olympics and the modern Olympics similar?
 - Ⓐ They both include paid athletes.
 - Ⓑ They both stand for peaceful competition.
 - Ⓒ They both follow the guidelines of the International Olympic Committee.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
9. Why do some countries build special training facilities for Olympic athletes?
 - Ⓐ The countries have too much money.
 - Ⓑ The countries want to help their athletes win.
 - Ⓒ The athletes can't train anywhere else.
 - Ⓓ The athletes don't want to travel.
10. Something **ancient** is _____.
 - Ⓐ very expensive
 - Ⓑ very old
 - Ⓒ very unusual
 - Ⓓ very dangerous

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11. Extended Response: How are the modern Olympics different from the ancient ones? Give at least three differences supported by the text.

12. Extended Response: The author of this book states that the pressure for athletes to win can be strong. Explain what you think the author means by this.

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Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
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4. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
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7. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
10. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers should include at least three ideas such as the following:
countries compete instead of city-states; the Games are held in places other than Olympic, Greece; there are Winter and Summer Games; there are many more events now; and so on.
12. Answers will vary.