

Olympic Games

- A. Began 776
- B. Location: Olympia, in the north-western Pelopennesus, not Mount Olympus
- C. Games in honor of Zeus
- D. Temple of Zeus, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world
- E. Pindar stated that the Olympic Games were started by Heracles (Hercules is the Latin form), the “superman” of Greek mythology.
- F. Panhellenic
- G. Occurred every four years, in August between the grain harvest and gathering of olives and grapes.
- H. Three heralds dispatched throughout Greece declaring a Sacred Truce – no war between the city-states for three months.
- I. Competition occurred over five days
- J. Prizes were olive wreathes
- K. Married women were excluded from the event
- L. Originally began as a running event, other sports were added later
- M. Winners were treated like gods in their home towns
- N. Events
 - 1. Running
 - 2. Pentathlon
 - 3. Discus-throwing
 - 4. Javelin-throwing
 - 5. Long-jump
 - 6. Wrestling
 - 7. Pankration
 - 8. Boxing
 - 9. Chariot-races