

Historical Milestones in World Sports

Sports History · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Who was the first athlete to win a gold medal in the modern Olympic Games in 1896?

A) James Connolly

B) Robert Garrett

C) Thomas Burke

D) Ellery Clark

2. In which year were the first Winter Olympic Games officially held?

A) 1920

B) 1924

C) 1928

D) 1932

3. Which country hosted the very first FIFA World Cup in 1930?

A) Brazil

B) Italy

C) Uruguay

D) Argentina

4. Who is the only tennis player to have achieved a 'Golden Slam' by winning all four majors and an Olympic gold in the same calendar year?

A) Serena Williams

B) Steffi Graf

C) Roger Federer

D) Rafael Nadal

5. What was the original material used to make the ball in the ancient Mesoamerican ballgame?

A) Stone

B) Animal hide

C) Hardened rubber

D) Wood

6. Which athlete won a record 23 Olympic gold medals during their career?

A) Usain Bolt

B) Carl Lewis

C) Michael Phelps

D) Mark Spitz

7. The 'Miracle on Ice' refers to the 1980 Olympic victory of which nation's ice hockey team over the Soviet Union?

- A) Canada
- B) Sweden
- C) Finland

D) United States

8. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, an achievement often celebrated in sports aviation history?

- A) Bessie Coleman
- B) Amelia Earhart**
- C) Jacqueline Cochran
- D) Harriet Quimby

9. Which sport was removed from the Olympic program after the 1900 Games and did not return for over a century?

- A) Rugby
- B) Cricket**
- C) Lacrosse
- D) Polo

10. What is the name of the trophy awarded to the winner of the annual Australia vs England cricket Test series?

- A) The Ashes**
- B) The Bledisloe Cup
- C) The Davis Cup
- D) The Calcutta Cup

11. In 1954, who became the first person to run a mile in under four minutes?

- A) John Landy
- B) Roger Bannister**
- C) Jim Ryun
- D) Sebastian Coe

12. How many rings are featured on the official Olympic flag representing the continents?

- A) 4
- B) 5**
- C) 6
- D) 7