

Olympic History Quiz

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1. In which city were the first modern Olympic Games held in 1896?

- A) Paris
- B) Athens**
- C) London
- D) Rome

2. Which athlete holds the record for the most Olympic gold medals won by an individual?

- A) Usain Bolt
- B) Carl Lewis
- C) Michael Phelps**
- D) Paavo Nurmi

3. The five interlocking rings of the Olympic symbol represent the five what?

- A) Inhabited continents**
- B) Olympic values
- C) Founding nations
- D) Types of terrain

4. Which year were the Olympic Games cancelled due to World War I?

- A) 1912
- B) 1916**
- C) 1920
- D) 1924

5. Which city hosted the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924?

- A) Chamonix**
- B) Oslo
- C) St. Moritz
- D) Lake Placid

6. Who was the first woman to win an Olympic gold medal, achieving this in 1900?

- A) Charlotte Cooper**
- B) Wilma Rudolph
- C) Fanny Blankers-Koen
- D) Alice Coachman

7. What is the traditional order of the parade of nations during the Opening Ceremony?

- A) Alphabetical by English name
- B) Greece first, host nation last**
- C) In order of medal count
- D) Chronological by founding date

8. Which sport was removed from the Olympics after 1920 and has not returned?

- A) Polo
- B) Tug-of-war**
- C) Lacrosse
- D) Cricket

9. In which city did the 1936 Summer Olympics take place?

- A) Berlin**
- B) Munich
- C) Vienna
- D) Zurich

10. Which country boycotted the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow?

- A) United Kingdom
- B) Canada
- C) United States**
- D) France

11. How often are the Summer Olympic Games held?

- A) Every 2 years
- B) Every 3 years
- C) Every 4 years**
- D) Every 5 years

12. Which marathon runner famously won the 1960 Olympic gold medal barefoot?

- A) Abebe Bikila**
- B) Haile Gebrselassie
- C) Eliud Kipchoge
- D) Kenenisa Bekele

13. What is the official motto of the Olympics?

- A) Faster, Higher, Stronger**
- B) Peace, Unity, Victory
- C) Fair Play, Respect, Excellence
- D) Strength, Speed, Spirit

14. Which city hosted the Olympics three times: 1908, 1948, and 2012?

- A) Paris
- B) Athens
- C) London**
- D) New York

15. What do the Olympic medals consist of, specifically the 'gold' medal?

- A) Solid gold
- B) Gold-plated silver**
- C) Gold-plated bronze
- D) Gold-plated copper

16. Which Paralympic Games are held in the same year as the Summer Olympics?

- A) Since 1960
- B) Since 1988**
- C) Since 1996
- D) Since 2004

17. What was the first year that women were allowed to compete in the modern Olympic Games?

- A) 1896
- B) 1900**
- C) 1904
- D) 1908

18. Which continent has never hosted a modern Olympic Games?

- A) South America
- B) Africa**
- C) Asia
- D) Oceania