

100m race, 1896 Olympic Games.

### Modern Olympic Games

- The inaugural modern Olympic Games were held in Athens in 1896.
- This revival was brought about by a French baron named Pierre de Coubertin.
- In the 1896 Olympic Games, thirteen countries sent approximately 280 participants (all male).
- There were 43 events at these Olympic Games including athletics, cycling, swimming, gymnastics, weightlifting, wrestling, fencing, shooting and tennis. They also featured the first modern marathon.
- The track and field events were held at the Panathenaic Stadium, originally built in 330 BCE and restored to white marble glory specifically for the 1896 Olympic Games.

Except for the years of the two world wars, the Olympic Games have been held every four years since 1896, with both males and females competing.

### Lausanne

While Athens sees itself as the home of the Olympic Games, the official Olympic capital is actually in the city of Lausanne, Switzerland. This has been the home of the International Olympic Committee since 1915. The symbol of the Olympic Games (the five rings) has been integrated into Lausanne's tourism logo by permission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

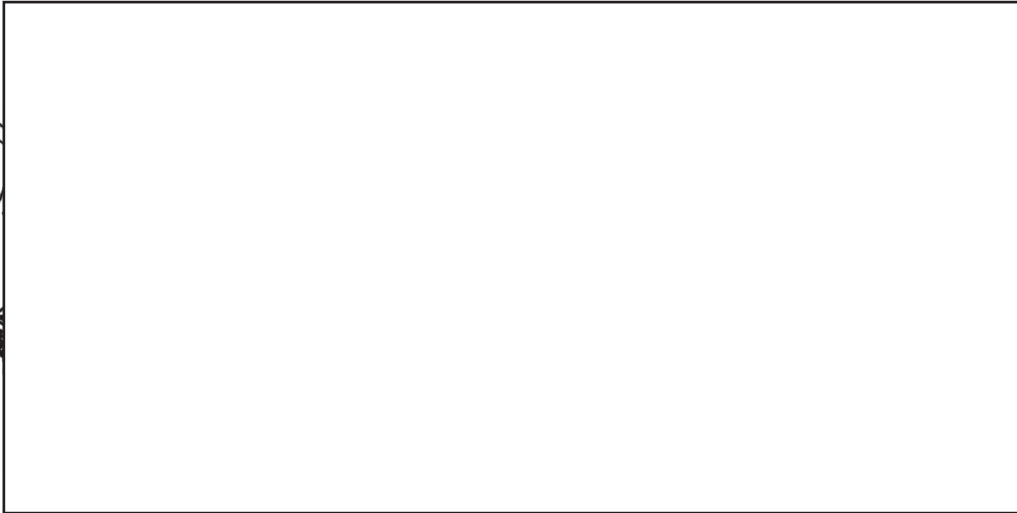
### Questions:

1. Use a dictionary to find the definition of 'inaugural'.
2. How many countries sent athletes to the 1896 Olympic Games?
3. Where is the official Olympic capital?
4. Why do you think Lausanne used the 'five rings' in their tourism logo?

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# Colour in the Olympic flag

Draw and colour the Olympic flag.



## True or false?

- |   | TRUE                     | FALSE                    |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>1</b> The Olympic flag has a blue background.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>2</b> The five rings represent the five continents of the world.                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>3</b> The six colours of the flag are those that appear on all the national flags of the world.    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4</b> Each colour represents a continent.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>5</b> The flag <i>must</i> fly at the stadium for the duration of the Olympic Games.               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>6</b> The <i>mayor</i> of the host city passes the flag to the <i>mayor</i> of the next host city. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>7</b> The first president of the IOC, Baron Pierre de Coubertin of France, designed the flag.      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>8</b> The lowering of the flag signals the end of the Olympic Games.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Aussie, Aussie, Aussie!

Describe the Australian flag.



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Draw the Australian flag.

What Olympic symbol colours appear in the Australian flag?



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