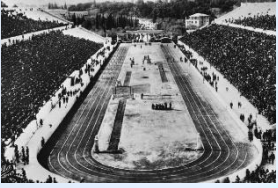


! OLYMPIC GAMES !



The first Modern Olympics were held in Athens, Greece in 1896.

They were held from 6th – 15th April and 241 athletes from 14 different countries competed in 43 events.

First place medals were silver and the winners also received an Olive branch and a diploma.

Second place athletes won a bronze/copper medal, a laurel branch and a diploma.

The medals showed the face of the Greek God Zeus who was the king of the gods of Mount Olympus.

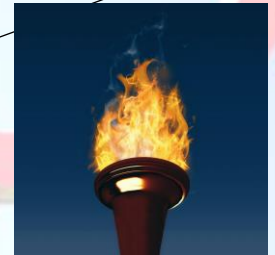


The Olympic Games were postponed for 12 years due to World War 2. The first Games held after the war were the 1948 Winter Olympics held in St. Moritz, Switzerland. They were known as 'The Games of Renewal'



The first Modern Olympic games where Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place were the 1904 games in St. Louis, USA.

The first person to win a medal at the Modern Olympic Games was James B. Connolly of Massachusetts, USA who won his medal in the triple jump at the 1896 Athens games. He also came 2nd in the high jump and third in the long jump.



The XXXI (31st) Modern Olympic Games were held in Rio, Brazil in 2016. They were held from 5th – 21st August and 11238 athletes from 207 countries competed in 306 events!

First place athletes were awarded a gold medal – 812 awarded.
Second place athletes were awarded a silver medal – 812 awarded.
Third place athletes were awarded a bronze medal – 864 awarded.
The medal shows Nike, the Greek goddess of victory.