

Olympic Games Project

Directions

Name:

Date Due:

1. **Research the Ancient Olympic Games in Greece using online resources and books.**

a. Some useful Online Resources:

- www.ancientgreece.com
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient_greeks/the_olympic_games/
- www.perseus.tufts.edu/Olympics
- www.historyforkids.org/learn/greeks/games/olympics.htm
- ablemedia.com/ctcweb/consortium/ancientolympics.html

b. Some suggested Books:

- *The Ancient Olympic Games* by Judith Swaddling
- *Welcome to the Ancient Olympic* by Jane Bingham
- *Magic Tree House Research Guide #10: Ancient Greece and the Olympics: A Nonfiction Companion to Hour of the Olympics* by Mary Pope Osborne and Natalie Pope Boyce

2. **Create a power point presentation on the Ancient Olympian Games.**

a. Answer the following 21 questions. These answers will help you put together your power point presentation. You are to choose 10 of your answers and put them into an informative power point presentation. You should have at least 12 slides to your presentation including the introductory slide. You should include a picture/clip art/map on at least 5 slides.

- 1) Where did the Olympic Games come from?
- 2) Where were the Olympian Games played? How often were they played?
- 3) How many days long were the Olympian Games? What happened on the final days?
- 4) Who were the Games held to honor?
- 5) How were the games similar to fairs?
- 6) Were there other contests like the Olympics?
- 7) What piece of architecture in Olympia was considered to be “one of the wonders of the world”? Tell where it was specifically located within Olympia?
- 8) Explain the “Sacred Truce”.
- 9) What was the 1st event held in the earliest Olympic Games in 776 B.C.?
- 10) What could the Ancient Olympic Games help Greeks train for (other than the competition)?
- 11) Who could compete in the Ancient Olympics?
- 12) Who could attend the Olympian Games?
- 13) How were the athletes trained?
- 14) Name and describe 5 Ancient Olympian Games?
- 15) What prizes did the Olympic winner receive?
- 16) Who were the Olympic judges?
- 17) What was the penalty for cheating?
- 18) Where did the marathon come from?
- 19) When did the Ancient Games begin and when did they end?
- 20) Name a few famous Ancient Olympic athletes.
- 21) Explain two ways in which Ancient Olympian games are similar to Modern Olympic Games.

3. Based on your information that you gathered for your power point presentation, create an original Ancient Olympic Game that you think Ancient Greeks would have added to their Games, had they had your insight!

- a. Name the game and describe how the game is played. If this is to be entered into the Olympic Games, all of the athletes must fully understand the objectives of the game, how it is played, and how the winner of the game is determined. (Directions)
- b. Include a visual demonstration/illustration of your game. It could be an illustration, diagram or a model of your game.

Power Point Presentation (50 points)

Original Olympic Game (25 points)

Original Olympic Game visual (25 points)