

# THINK SMART

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## OLYMPIC RINGS



**B**aron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the Modern Olympics, designed the flag around 1913. The flag displays five interlocking rings in the centre on a plain white background. The rings are interlaced from left to right; the blue, black and red rings are situated at the top while the yellow and green rings are at the bottom in accordance. The colours are very important because each of the countries at that time, had one of these colours as part of their national flag, including the white background as well. The connection of the rings symbolizes the connection of the continents during the Games and the ideal state of peace and brotherhood of the whole planet.

The flag was first flown at the 1920 Olympic Games in Belgium. At the end of the games, the mayor of the host city presents the flag to the mayor of the future host city. The flag then remains at the town hall of the future host city for four years until the opening ceremony of the next Olympic Games.

## THE OLYMPIC TORCH



Another important logo or symbol of the Olympics is the Olympic torch. Beginning in 1934, the IOC (International Olympic Committee) introduced the Olympic flame with the idea that it would enrich the games. The opening ceremony of the games always includes a runner carrying a torch to a prominent part of the stadium where it is used to light the Olympic Flame. The flame symbolizes

purity. This flame is kept alight for the entire length of the games. Originally, the ancient Greeks lit the Olympic Flame directly from the sun's rays at Olympia.

Year	Host
2012	London, UK
2016	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
2020	Tokyo, Japan

## OATH

At the beginning of each Olympics, every athlete promises to play fairly and obey all the Olympic rules. An athlete from the host country takes the oath at the Opening Ceremony on behalf of all the athletes. Similarly, an official is chosen to hold a corner of the Olympic Flag and repeat a similar oath on behalf of all the officials.



The oath is as follows: "*In the name of all competitors, I promise that we shall take part in these Olympic Games, respecting and abiding by the rules that govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of sport and the honor of our teams.*"

The Olympic motto is made up of three Latin words :

**Citius - Altius - Fortius**

FASTER

HIGHER

STRONGER

These three words encourage the athlete to give his or her best during the competition.

### THE OLYMPIC CREED

The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not the triumph, but to take part and fight; the essential thing is not to have won, but to have fought well.

Thus, the three core values conveyed through the Olympic symbols are: The motto embodies excellence, The flame symbolises friendship, The rings represent respect, bringing the nations in all five continents together.



## QUIZ

1. How often do the Olympic Games take place? \_\_\_\_\_
2. The flag of the Olympic Games has five coloured rings joined together. What do the rings represent? \_\_\_\_\_
3. The link between the ancient and modern Olympic games is symbolised by the \_\_\_\_\_
4. The first games of the modern era were held in \_\_\_\_\_
5. During the Opening Ceremony, doves are released. They symbolise \_\_\_\_\_.
6. What is the Olympic Motto? \_\_\_\_\_
7. The 2020 Olympics games will be held in \_\_\_\_\_.