**Ancient and Modern Olympics**

The original Olympics

1. Why was athletics important in Ancient Greece?

2. How many major competitions made up the Panhellenic Games?

3. When were the Olympic Games first officially recorded?

4. What types of buildings were erected for the Games?

5. Which two events would need horses?

6. How many events do you think made up the pentathlon?

7. The prizes awarded to the winners do not seem very special to us today. Why do you think the athletes were eager to take part in the Games?

8. How do you think we know so much about the Olympic Games which happened well over 2000 years ago?

The modern Olympics

1. How many years ago were the original Olympic Games held and in which year did the modern Games start?

2. How many centuries were there between the last of the ancient Olympics and the first modern Olympics?

3. How many different types of events did the first modern Olympics have?

4. The Winter Games are held every how many years?

5. Why were the original Games held?

6. What are the main differences between the ancient Olympic Games and those held now?

7. Why do you think that Pierre de Coubertin imagined that running the Games would help people to live together more peacefully? Do you think he was right?

8. If the ancient Greeks could see the modern Games, of what would they approve and of what would they disapprove?