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Ancient means _____

Modern means _____

Ancient Olympics	Modern Olympics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first Olympic Games took place in 776 BC (over 2,700 years ago) in Greece.• The games honored the Greek god, Zeus, and brought peace to warring states.• The only event was a foot race.• Chariot races, horse races, and a few other sports were added in later years.• Only athletes from Greece competed in the games.• The prize for winners was an olive branch (the olive tree was a sacred tree).• Games were held every four years in Greece.• Women were not allowed to compete or watch the games.• The games were not allowed after 1,170 years (393 AD) for being a bad celebration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first modern Olympic Games took place in 1896 (110 years ago) in Greece.• The games began again to encourage the development of the mind and the body.• Athletes competed in 9 sports in the first modern games.• More than 45 sports are now played in the modern games.• Athletes from many countries compete in the games.• Prizes for winners are gold, silver or bronze medals.• The Olympics move to a different city every four years.• Women were allowed to compete in 1900.• The Summer and Winter Olympics continue on around the world today.