



WORLD HISTORY 2017 HONORS

Summer Pre-Honors Project

Olympics Project

You will research the history of the ancient Olympics and compare it to the modern Olympic Games. Your project will include the following tasks:

1. Create a scrapbook that will include symbols of the Olympic Games. Each symbol will be submitted on a separate piece of paper with a typed explanation of the symbol, what this symbol represents, when it was adopted, and what part it plays in the Olympic ceremonies. Symbols may be downloaded or drawn and colored.

- Olympic torch or flame
- Olympic flag
- Olympic anthem
- Olympic medals
- Olympic Oath
- Olympic rings
- Olympic motto
- List of ancient games – explain what each one was

2. Do **research** online and in the library on the ancient Olympic games (776 AD) and the modern Olympic games (begun in 1896). Some selected online sites will be provided to begin the project. You will be given a list of questions (below) to be answered from the research as well as some facts that will need explanations. Answers will be typed and submitted in a question/answer format. Your task is to discover as much as you can about the Olympic Games in Ancient Greece. Try to find as many new and unique facts as possible. Answer the following questions listed below by typing question and answer(s) in complete sentences.

1. What were four of the original competitions?
2. Why were they held at Olympia?
3. What kind of facilities did the athletes have for their competitions?
4. Who could compete in the Olympics?
5. Were women allowed at the Olympics? Why or why not?
6. How were the athletes trained?
7. What prizes did Olympic victors get?
8. Who were the Olympic judges?
9. What was the penalty for cheating?
10. How did religion fit into the original Olympics?

3. Create a **diorama** (in a box) or **scene** (flat board) of an ancient Olympic game illustrating some of the events, the athletes and environment of the Olympic games.

OLYMPIC INFO

- http://www.aafila.org/6oic/primer_frmst.htm
(Ancient Olympics)
- <http://minbar.cs.dartmouth.edu/greecom/olympics/>
(virtual museum)
- <http://www.museum.upenn.edu/new/olympics/olympicintro.shtml>
(the real Olympic story)
- <http://education.nmsu.edu/webquest/wq/olympics/olympicwq.html>
- <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/Olympics/>
(Ancient Olympics)
- <http://history1900s.about.com/>
(20th century Olympics)
- <http://agones.fhw.gr/>
(olympics through history)

DUE DATE: 1st Day of School August 2017

If you have questions, you may email Mr. Elliott at selliott@wcaeagles.org. He will be gone throughout the summer, but he will try to check his email weekly.