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2 thousands of athletes from over 200 \_\_\_\_\_ participate in a variety of  
3 events. The Games include both the Summer Olympics and \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Olympics; each of these are held in a \_\_\_\_\_ country once every  
5 four years. The competition originated in \_\_\_\_\_ Greece during the 8th  
6 century B.C.E. and \_\_\_\_\_ until 393 C.E., when the Roman Emperor  
7 Theodosius called for an \_\_\_ to all 'pagan' festivals. It was subsequently  
8 revived in 1896, largely thanks to the \_\_\_\_\_ of a French historian  
9 named Pierre de Coubertin, who \_\_\_\_\_ the modern Olympic Games'  
10 governing body, the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

11 The ancient Olympics featured competition in theatre performances,  
12 music, oration, and chariot \_\_\_\_\_. By contrast, the modern Games are  
13 more \_\_\_\_\_ on athleticism. In 1896, there were 9 sports included in  
14 the festival. In the latest 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics, however, 33  
15 sports were included. As it \_\_\_\_\_, the IOC oversees the process of  
16 deciding which sports will or will not be \_\_\_\_\_. The committee is  
17 made up of 99 members, many of whom are \_\_\_\_\_ athletes or current  
18 leaders in athletics. They evaluate sports on five factors, that are each  
19 split into 35 criteria. These criteria include how valuable the sport is to  
20 the legacy of the Olympics; how much it would cost to \_\_\_\_\_; how  
21 popular the sport is; how long the sport has \_\_\_\_\_, and many others.



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2 thousands of athletes from over 200 **nations** participate in a variety of  
3 events. The Games include both the Summer Olympics and **Winter**  
4 Olympics; each of these are held in a **different** country once every  
5 four years. The competition originated in **Ancient** Greece during the 8th  
6 century B.C.E. and **continued** until 393 C.E., when the Roman Emperor  
7 Theodosius called for an **end** to all 'pagan' festivals. It was subsequently  
8 revived in 1896, largely thanks to the **efforts** of a French historian named  
9 Pierre de Coubertin, who **founded** the modern Olympic Games' governing  
10 body, the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

11 The ancient Olympics featured competition in theatre performances,  
12 music, oration, and chariot **racing**. By contrast, the modern Games are  
13 more **focused** on athleticism. In 1896, there were 9 sports included in the  
14 festival. In the latest 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics, however, 33 sports  
15 were included. As it **stands**, the IOC oversees the process of deciding  
16 which sports will or will not be **included**. The committee is made up of 99  
17 members, many of whom are **former** athletes or current leaders in  
18 athletics. They evaluate sports on five factors, that are each split into 35  
19 criteria. These criteria include how valuable the sport is to the legacy of  
20 the Olympics; how much it would cost to **broadcast**; how popular the  
21 sport is; how long the sport has **existed**, and many others.