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The Olympic Games (Past and Present)

We don't know any historical sources about classical, ancient Olympic games, but there are many legends. One legend says that the game was founded by Zeus as a celebration of his victory in the fight for power with his father Hron. Another legend says that Hercules won a race at Olympia, so he decided to hold races like that every fourth year because he wanted his race to be remembered.

The First Olympic games of the recent times were successfully held in 1896. Today in the Olympic games there are at least ten sports, and it is the most popular sports event in the world. They are held every four years in different countries. In them participate all athletes in the world. The Symbol of Olympic games is five circles and fire on the top of the Olymp mountain.

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