

## Olympic History

Olympic games started at Olympia in ancient Greece hundreds of years ago. They were stopped for 1,500 years until a French baron named Pierre de Coubertin helped start them again in 1896. Then only 13 countries competed in nine sports. In the 1972 Olympics, 130 countries competed in 20 sports. Summer and winter Olympic games are held at different sites every four years.


## The Olympic Flame



The Olympic Flame will be lit in Olympia, Greece, and will be carried by runners from Olympia to Athens. By means of electricity, the flame will be changed into electrical codes which will be sent by satellite to Ottawa, the capital of Canada. By using a laser beam, the code will be changed back into the Flame and the Olympic torch will be carried to Montreal by runners. It will stay lighted during the games.

## The Olympic Flag

The Olympic flag has five rings. The colors of the rings are yellow, black, green, blue and red. The background is white.


## The Olympic Emblem

## For Parents in Teachers

This block is for parents and teachers to use as a teaching guide for this week's Mini Page.
Page 1: Talk about how hard any champion has to work. Discuss the goals that the children have and how they can try to reach them. Look at the sport signs. Go over them with the children and see if they can guess what sports they represent.

Page 2. Talk about the Olympic history. This is the XXI (21st) Olympics. Teach them how to write from 1 to 21 in Roman numerals. 1-I, 2-II, 3-III, 4-IV, 5 -V, 6-VI, 7 -VII, 8-VIII, 9-IX, 10-X, 11-XI, 12-XII, 13-XIII, 14-XIV, 15-XV, 16-XVI, 17-XVII, 18-XVIII, 19-XIX. 20-XX, 21-XXI.

> Page 3: Suiper Sport, Tim Shaw: Ask the children to read the story. Ask them: What is the Sullivan Trophy? What is Tim Shaw's sport? Where does he go to college?

Page 4: What is the Problem? Discuss how to meet people. Talk about shaking hands and looking at the person you are meeting. Discuss the fact that adults have feelings and can be hurt by children who are rude and impolite. Discuss how it feels to be shy.


The emblem has the five Olympic rings, topped by the Letter M for Montreal.

## The Olympic Awards and Medals

To get their medals, winners of each event stand on a three-level stand. The winner stands on the highest level and receives a gold medal. The flag of his or her country is raised. The second place winner receives a silver medal. The third place winner receives a bronze medal. Their countries' flags are also raised. The top six finalists receive certificates of merit.


The Olympic Village will house 5,193 , male athletes, 1,366 female athletes, 2,091 male officials and 369 female officials.

