History of the Olympics Timeline

776 B.C
The Olympic Games began at Olympia in Greece. There was only one event back then: the 200-yard dash.

393 A.D
The Olympic Games were abolished by the Christian Byzantine Emperor Theodosius I, because of their Pagan influences.

March 24, 1896
Baron Pierre de Coubertin of France successfully campaigned to reinstate the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. Less than 300 athletes represented 13 nations.

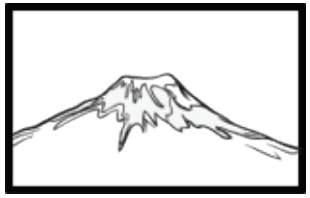
1924
The Winter Olympic Games begin.

1936
First ever Olympic torch.

1940 &1944
The Olympic Games are cancelled due to WWII.

1960
The summer games in Rome are the first to be televised worldwide .

1964
25 Olympic records were broken in the Tokyo summer games.



1968
The games in Mexico were held at the highest elevation ever.

1972
U.S.A. loses the basketball competition for the first time against the Soviet Union.

1992

The U.S. basketball team known as the "Dream Team" wins the gold by winning all their matches.

1996
Muhammad Ali lights the Olympic torch.

2004
The games return to Athens, Greece.

2012
Held in London, in the United Kingdom.

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