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The Ancient Origins of the Olympic Games

Multiple Choice Questions

1. According to Greek mythology, who is credited with founding the Olympic Games?

- a) Pelops
- b) Zeus
- c) Heracles (Hercules)
- d) Hippodamia

2. Where were the ancient Olympic Games held, and why was this location significant?

- a) Athens, as it was the capital of Greece.
- b) Olympia, a sacred site dedicated to Zeus, to allow peaceful competition.
- c) Sparta, known for its military prowess.
- d) Delphi, home to the Oracle of Apollo.

3. What was the primary event in the ancient Olympic Games?

- a) Javelin throw
- b) Stadion race
- c) Long jump
- d) Wrestling

4. Who were the athletes eligible to compete in the ancient Olympics?

- a) Men and women from all over the world.
- b) Male citizens of Greek city-states.
- c) Anyone who could afford to participate.
- d) Warriors and soldiers.

5. What symbolized victory in the ancient Olympics, and why was it significant?

- a) Laurel wreaths, symbolizing strength.
- b) Gold coins, symbolizing wealth.
- c) Olive wreaths, symbolizing the sacred olive tree of Zeus.
- d) Crowns made of flowers, symbolizing love and friendship.

