The Geography of the Olympics

Listed below are the cities and countries where the Olympic Games have occurred (and will occur) since their reintroduction in the modern era in 1896. On the world map provided, use a world atlas to located each Summer Olympic site and place a red dot at the correct location. For each Winter Olympics site, mark a blue dot at the correct location on the map.

SUMMER OLYMPICS

1896 Athens, Greece
1900 Paris, France
1904 St. Louis, Missouri, USA
1908 London, England, UK
1912 Stockholm, Sweden
1920 Antwerp, Belgium
1924 Paris, France
1928 Amsterdam, Netherlands
1932 Los Angeles, California, USA
1936 Berlin, Germany
1948 London, England, UK
1952 Helsinki, Finland
1956 Melbourne, Australia
1960 Rome, Italy
1964 Tokyo, Japan
1968 Mexico City, Mexico
1972 Munich, Germany
1976 Montreal, Canada
1980 Moscow, Russia
1984 Los Angeles, California, USA
1988 Seoul, South Korea
1992 Barcelona, Spain
1996 Atlanta, Georgia, USA
2000 Sydney, Australia
2004 Athens, Greece
2008 Beijing, China
2012 London, England, UK
2016 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

WINTER OLYMPICS

1924 Chamonix, France
1928 St. Moritz, Switzerland
1932 Lake Placid, New York, USA
1936 Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
1948 St. Moritz, Switzerland
1952 Oslo, Norway
1956 Cortina D’Ampezzo, Italy
1960 Squaw Valley, California, USA
1964 Innsbruck, Austria
1968 Grenoble, France
1972 Sapporo, Japan
1976 Innsbruck, Austria
1980 Lake Placid, New York, USA
1984 Sarajevo, Yugoslavia (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
1988 Calgary, Canada
1992 Albertville, France
1994 Lillehammer, Norway
1998 Nagano, Japan
2002 Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
2006 Torino, Italy
2010 Vancouver, Canada
2014 Sochi Russia
2018 Pyeongchang, South Korea
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1) Why were there no Olympics held in 1916 (summer), 1940, and 1944?

2) Name the continents that have hosted only the Summer Olympics:

3) Name the continents that have hosted only the Winter Olympics:

4) Name the continents that have hosted both the Summer and Winter Olympics:

5) Name the continents that have never hosted the Olympics:

6) List three reasons that may explain why these continents have never hosted any Olympic Games:

7) Which continent has hosted the most Olympics?

8) Name the countries that have (or will have) hosted both the Summer and Winter Olympic Games:

9) Which country has hosted the most Summer Olympic Games?

10) Which city has hosted (or will have) the most Summer Olympic Games?

11) Which country has hosted the most Winter Olympic Games?

12) Which Olympic site was the first to host a Winter Olympics only two years after a previous Olympic Games?

13) Which American city has hosted two Winter Olympics?

14) Have any cities hosted both a Summer and Winter Olympics?

15) Which continent has hosted the most Winter Olympics?

16) Look at the pattern of dots on your world map. In what hemisphere have most of the Olympics been held—Northern or Southern? Explain possible reasons:

17) What Olympic host city is now a part of a different country?

18) Which U.S. state has hosted the most Olympics?

19) What Asian countries have hosted the Olympic Games?

20) What city hosted the northernmost Olympics? What city hosted the southernmost Olympics?