

**The first Olympic games were held in Greece in
776**

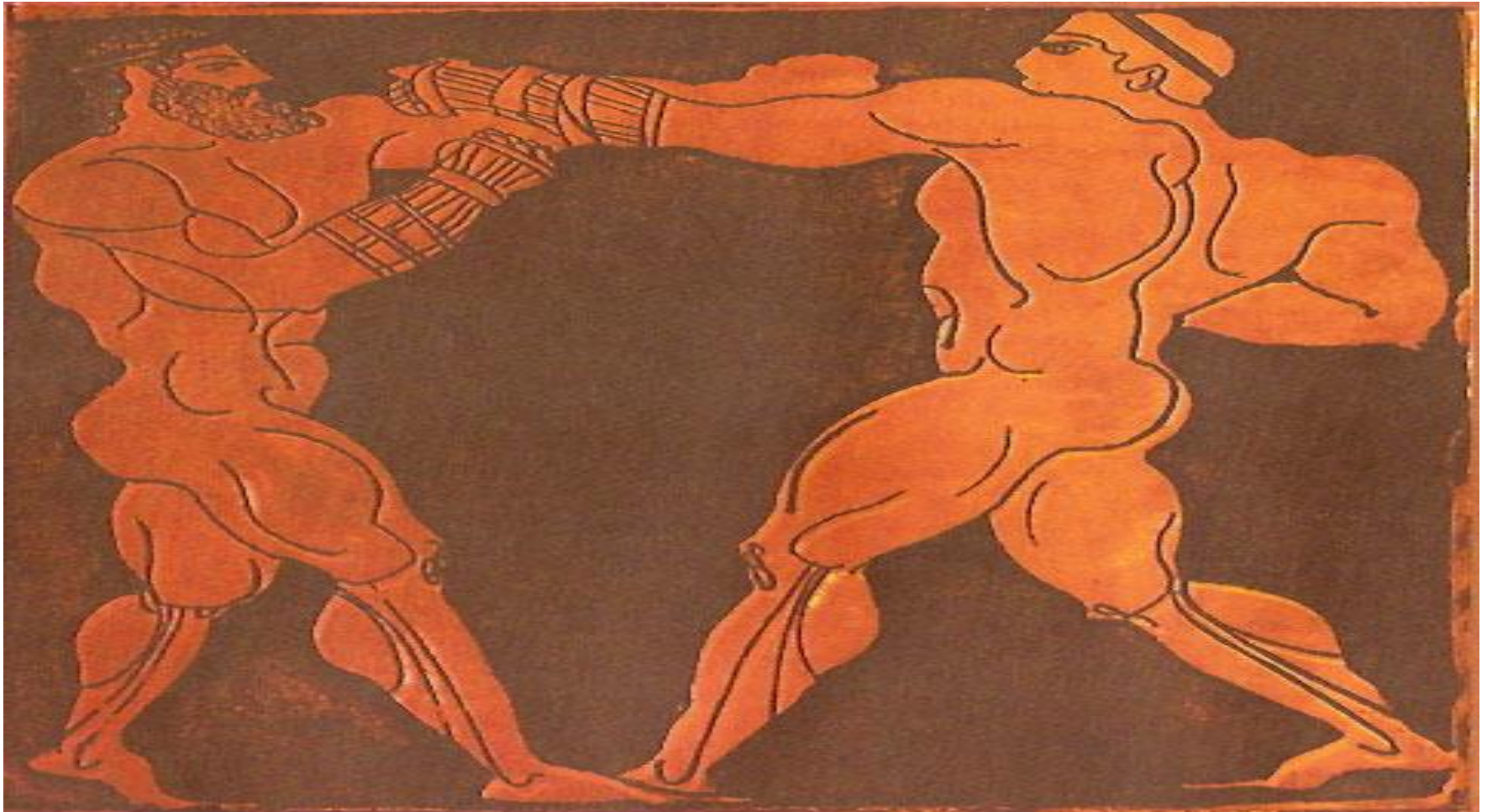


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The Olympics is the grandiose and anticipated sporting event



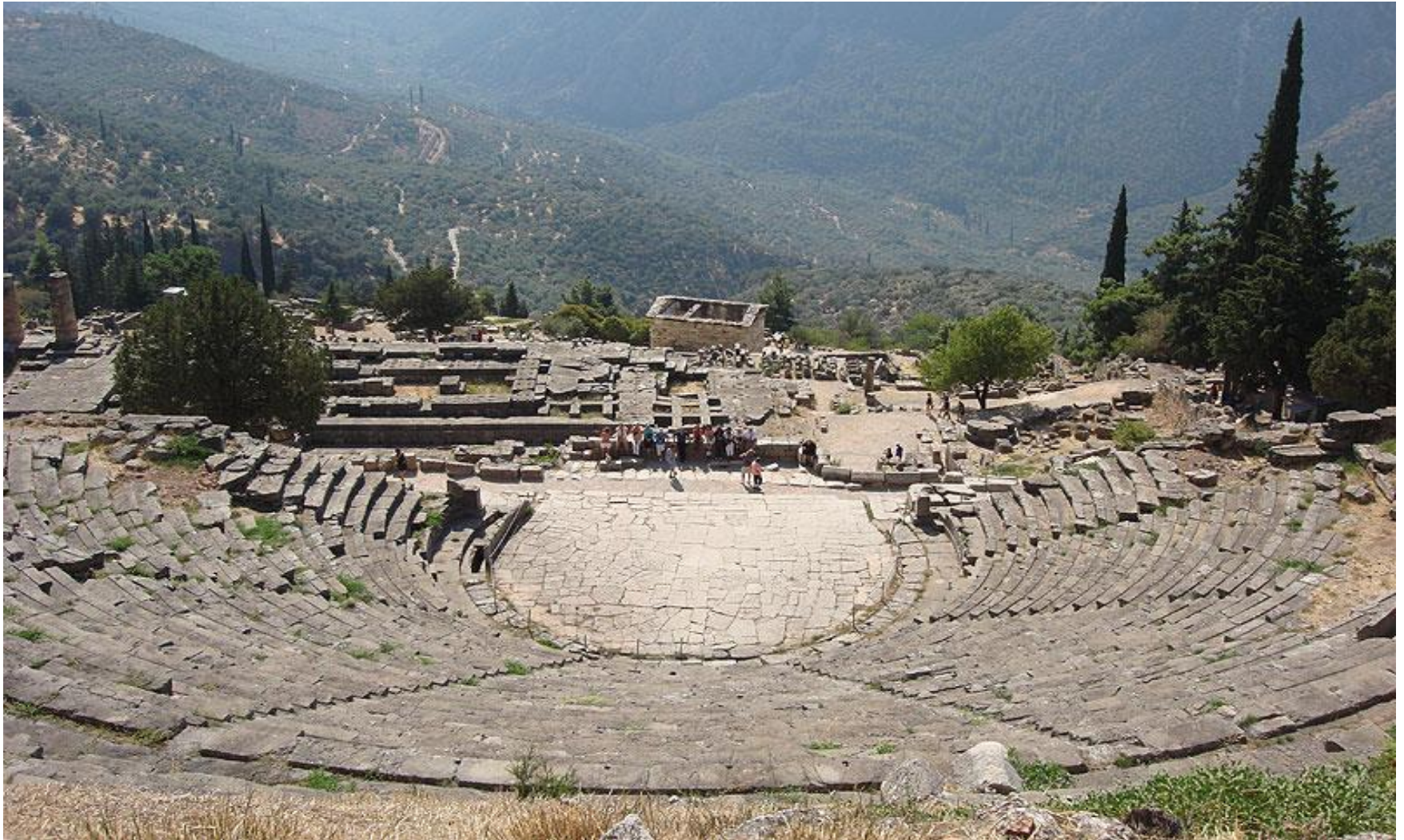
The games were for men only. Greek women were forbidden even to attend the Olympics.



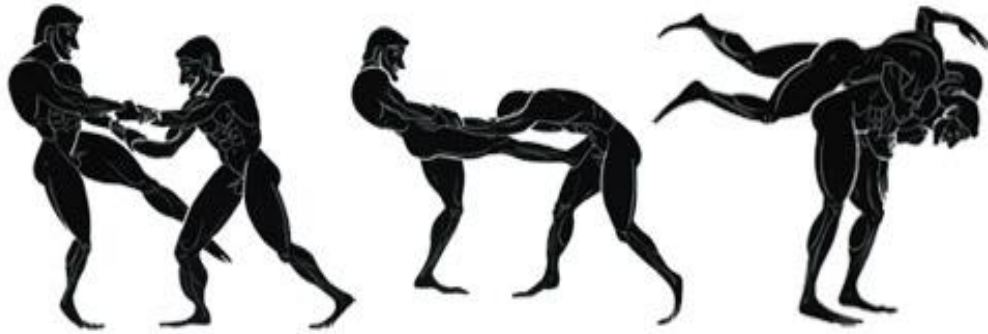
These games were part of a festival held every fourth year in honor of the God, Zeus at the place called Mount Olympus.



Olympia is located in the northwestern part of the Peloponnese peninsula. Olympic sanctuary remained the focus of Greek art up to IV BC.



The Olympic motto is «Citius, altius, fortius». These Latin words mean: «Faster, higher, stronger».



The Olympic flame is the traditional attribute of the Olympic Games. As a symbol of peace among people, the flame represents the basic spiritual significance of this classic competition.



In Ancient Greece from the first Olympiad in 776 BC as attributes of victory was used wreaths of wild olive, which was presented to the Champions on the last day of competitions in the temple of Zeus.



The International Olympic Committee was founded in 1894 on the initiative of a French nobleman, Baron Pierre de Coubertin



**Russia joined the Olympic movement in 1952. In 1980
Moscow hosted the 22nd Olympic Games**

