THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN ANCIENT GREECE!

Every four years people came from all over the Ancient Greek world to the Olympic Games that were held at Olympia. The Games began over 2,700 years ago and were a religious festival, held in honor of Zeus, the king of the gods. Hera, queen of the gods and Zeus' wife, also had a festival called the Heraean Games where only women competed.

There was a ‘sacred truce’ across Greece for one month before the Games began. This meant that everyone could travel to Olympia safely. All wars and conflicts stopped because the religious festival was more important. There were no medals. Instead, winners were given a wreath of leaves. When they returned home, they were treated like heroes and would get invitations to parties and free meals.

Nearly 50,000 people could fit into the stadium at Olympia. But only men, boys and unmarried women could watch. Married women weren’t allowed! Some sneaked in but risked being punished if they were caught.

HERCULES COMES HERE COMES HERCULES!

MATCH THE GOD TO THE GAME!