

# WHO WERE THE ANCIENT GREEKS?

LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

TO LEARN ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE ANCIENT  
GREEK CIVILISATION ON THE MODERN WORLD.

WHAT HAVE THE  
ANCIENT GREEKS LEFT  
BEHIND FOR US?



HOW HAS THEIR  
CIVILISATION AFFECTED  
CIVILISATIONS THAT  
FOLLOWED?



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WHAT IS THE LINK TO ANCIENT GREECE?



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# MARATHONS



THE BATTLE OF MARATHON IS ONE THE FIRST BATTLES WE HAVE A RECORD OF THANKS TO THE GREEK WRITER , HERODUTUS. KING DARIUS OF PERSIA WANTED TO CONQUER GREECE TO INCREASE THE PERSIAN EMPIRE.

WHEN THE PEOPLE OF ATHENS BECAME AWARE THAT THE PERSIANS PLANNED TO ATTACK, THEY SENT A SOLDIER CALLED PHIDIPPIDES TO RUN FROM THE TOWN OF MARATHON TO SPARTA TO GET HELP. THE DISTANCE WAS 25 MILES AND IS THE BASIS FOR THE MODERN-DAY MARATHON RACE.

# UNIVERSITIES

THE ANCIENT GREEK CIVILISATION WAS THE BIRTHPLACE OF PHILOSOPHY. SOCRATES AND PLATO WERE FAMOUS THINKERS AND PEOPLE STILL READ AND STUDY THEIR WORK TODAY. PLATO ALSO FOUNDED THE WORLD'S FIRST UNIVERSITY.



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# THEATRES



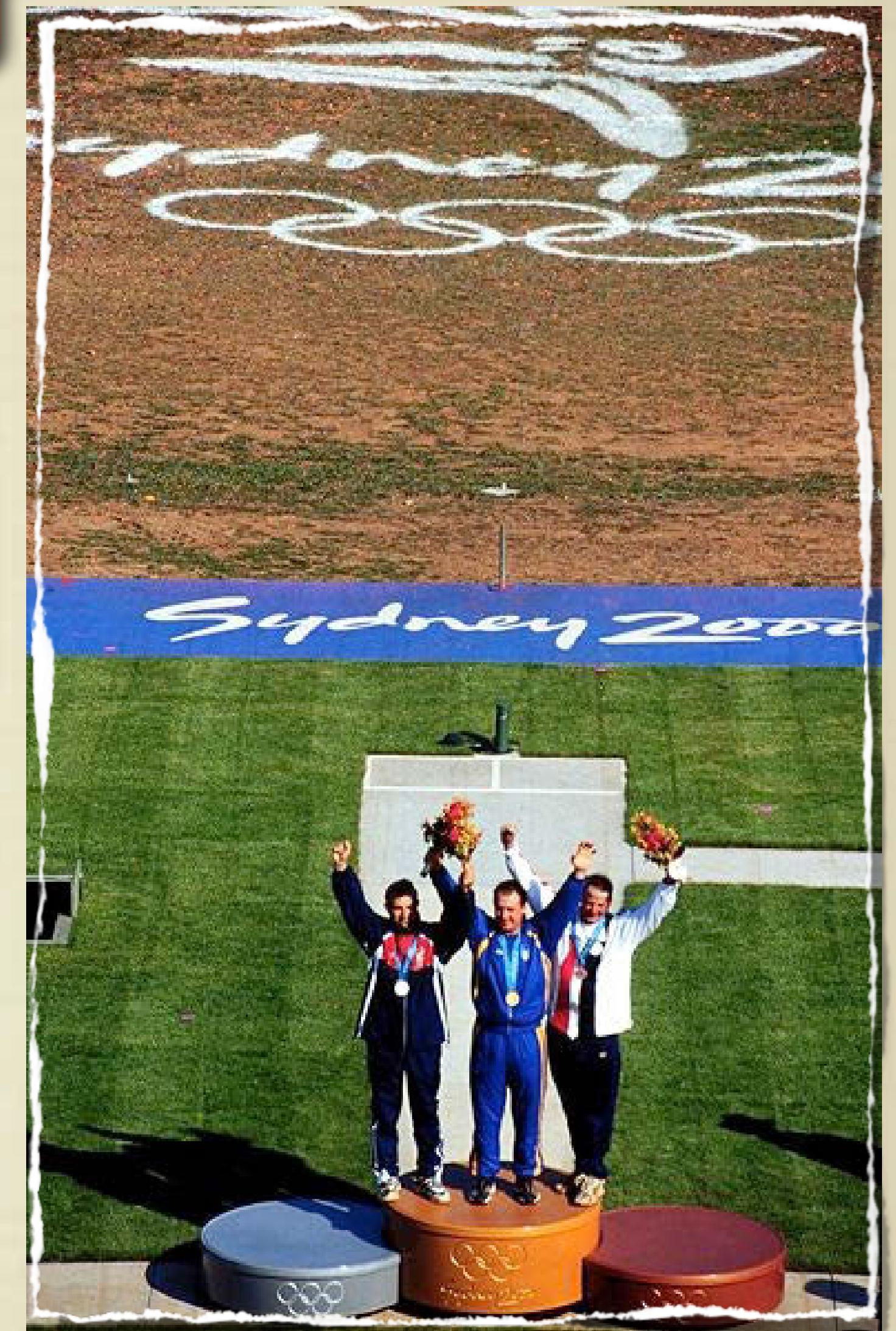
THERE WAS A STRONG CULTURE OF THE THEATRE IN ANCIENT GREECE, ESPECIALLY IN ATHENS. IT WAS THERE THAT THE COMEDY AND TRAGEDY GENRES EMERGED. THEATRE IN ATHENS INFLUENCED CULTURE THROUGHOUT THE WEST, AND MANY OF THE ANCIENT GREEK PLAYS ARE STILL PERFORMED TODAY.

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# OLYMPIC GAMES

THE OLYMPICS ORIGINATED IN THE YEAR 776 BC AT OLYMPIA IN ANCIENT GREECE. THEY STARTED WHEN A COOK, KOROIBUS, WON THE STADION RACE WHICH WAS A FOOT RACE AROUND 600 FEET IN LENGTH. ORIGINALLY THE GAMES WERE PART OF A RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL FOR THE GOD ZEUS BUT EVENTUALLY NEW EVENTS WERE ADDED AND WOMEN WERE ALLOWED TO COMPETE TO MAKE THE SAME OLYMPIC GAMES WE HAVE TODAY.



HOW WOULD  
THE WORLD BE  
DIFFERENT  
TODAY IF THE  
ANCIENT  
GREEKS HAD  
NEVER  
EXISTED?



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WHAT ELSE DID  
THE ANCIENT  
GREEKS LEAVE  
FOR US?

THINK, PAIR,  
SHARE.