

The Olympic Rings



The Symbol of the Games



The symbol of the Modern Olympic Games is five interlocking rings.

The five rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red.

Who Designed the Symbol?



The Olympic rings symbol was designed by Baron Pierre de Coubertin in 1912.

Coubertin founded the modern Olympic Games.

How Did He Choose the Colours for the Rings?



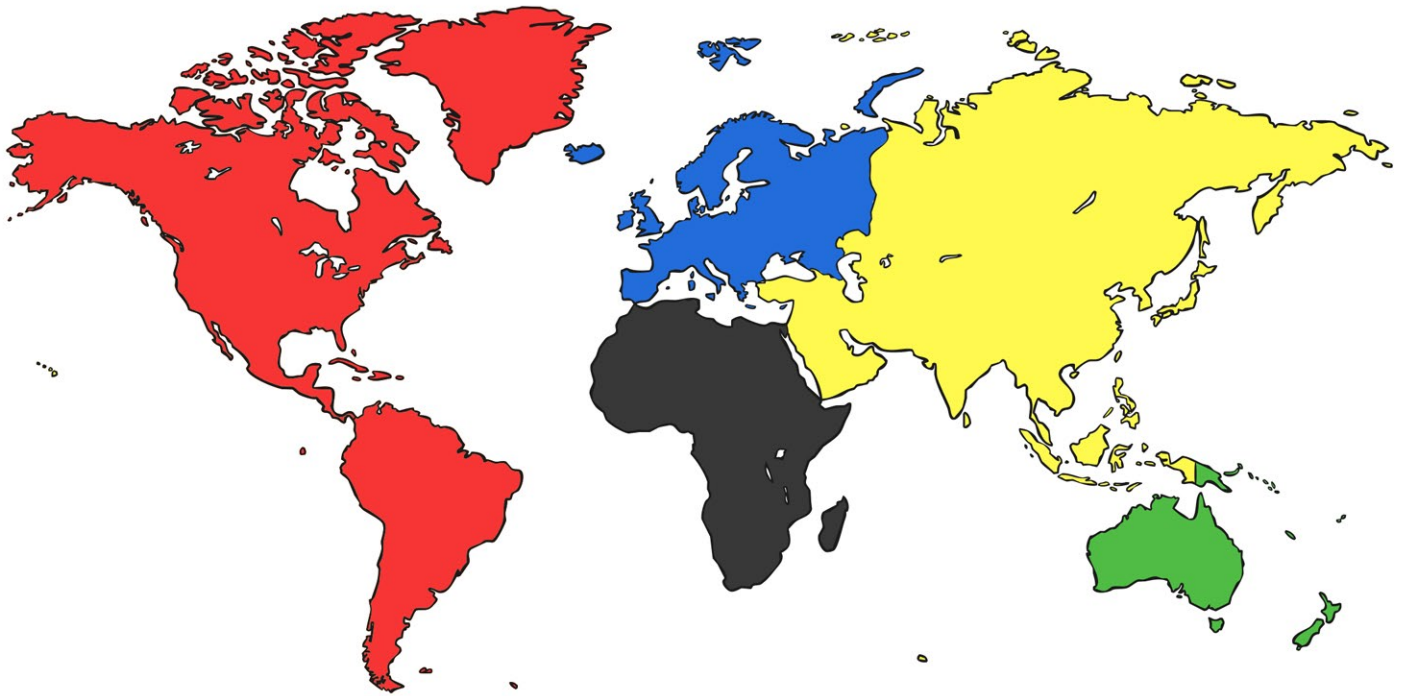
According to Coubertin, the
colours chosen were taken from
the flags of the world at that time.

Why Are There Five Rings?



The five rings represent the five continents, or parts of the world, which took part in the first modern Olympic Games.

Do the Colours Represent Anything?



Before 1951, the official Olympic handbook stated that blue stood for Europe, yellow for Asia, black for Africa, green for Oceania and red for America.

Today, however, no continent is thought to be represented by a specific ring.

The Symbol's Modern Meaning



According to the International Olympic Committee, the Olympic symbol represents the union of the five continents and the meeting of athletes from all over the world at the Olympic Games.