

The Fourth Time's the Charm

Read each source below and on page 33. Then complete the activities on pages 34–35.

Source 1

RIO TO HOST 2016 GAMES

October 3, 2009 — Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, has been announced as the host city for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. This will mark the first time the Games have been held on the continent of South America and only the third time they have been held in the Southern Hemisphere (Melbourne in 1956 and Sydney in 2000). The city of Rio de Janeiro had bid to host the Olympic Games on three previous occasions (1936, 2004, 2012) but had been passed over in each instance.

The Games of the XXXI Olympiad are scheduled to take place in August of 2016, when athletes from over 200 countries are expected to compete in over 300 events. As the host city, Rio de Janeiro will need to prepare the resources needed to accommodate hundreds of thousands of visitors over a two-week time period.

Source 2

In modern times, Roman numerals are still used in the naming of such things as Super Bowls, Olympiads, and copyright dates.

Roman numerals use symbols to represent numbers. For example . . .

$$I = 1 \quad V = 5 \quad X = 10$$

In most cases, symbols are placed from left to right in order of value.

$$VII = 7, \text{ because } V = 5 \text{ and each } I = 1 \text{ (} 5 + 1 + 1 = 7 \text{)}$$

No more than three of the same symbol can be placed consecutively.

III is allowed, but IIII is not.

When a smaller value is placed before a larger value, the smaller value is subtracted from the larger value.

$$IV = 4, \text{ because } I = 1 \text{ and } V = 5 \text{ (} 5 - 1 = 4 \text{)}$$

Source 3

What is an "Olympiad"?

As a sports blogger, I am frequently asked, "What is an Olympiad?" I have written my answer to this question twice before, but I still get asked this question! I will try one more time. As the saying goes, "The third time's the charm."

Many people think that "Olympiad" is just a fancy word for "Olympics." It's not, though it is definitely associated with the Games. The term "Olympiad" dates back to the time of the Ancient Greeks. It refers to a time period of four years. These days, an Olympiad begins on January 1 of the year the Summer Olympic Games are scheduled to be held, and it lasts for four calendar years. For example, the first modern Olympiad began on January 1, 1896, and ended on December 31, 1899.

More Info

- ▶ Olympiads are referred to by Roman numerals, so that the first modern Olympiad is actually referred to as the "I Olympiad." In 2012, the XXX Olympiad was held in London.
- ▶ Even if the Games are not held, the Olympiad is counted. As a result of such major events as World War I (1914–1918) and World War II (1939–1945), this has occurred three times since 1896.

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Source 4

This chart shows every city that has hosted the Summer Olympic Games in modern times.

The Host Cities

Year	Olympiad	Opening Ceremonies	Closing Ceremonies	Host City	Host Country
1896	I	April 6	April 15	Athens	Greece
1900	II	May 14	October 28	Paris	France
1904	III	July 1	November 23	St. Louis, MO	United States
1908	IV	April 27	October 31	London	England
1912	V	May 5	July 27	Stockholm	Sweden
1920	VII	April 20	September 12	Antwerp	Belgium
1924	VIII	May 4	July 27	Paris	France
1928	IX	July 28	August 12	Amsterdam	The Netherlands
1932	X	July 30	August 14	Los Angeles, CA	United States
1936	XI	August 1	August 16	Berlin	Germany
1948	XIV	July 29	August 14	London	England
1952	XV	July 19	August 3	Helsinki	Finland
1956	XVI	November 22	December 8	Melbourne	Australia
1960	XVII	August 25	September 11	Rome	Italy
1964	XVIII	October 10	October 24	Tokyo	Japan
1968	XIX	October 12	October 27	Mexico City	Mexico
1972	XX	August 26	September 11	Munich	Germany
1976	XXI	July 17	August 1	Montreal	Canada
1980	XXII	July 19	August 3	Moscow	Soviet Union (USSR)
1984	XXIII	July 28	August 12	Los Angeles, CA	United States
1988	XXIV	September 17	October 2	Seoul	South Korea
1992	XXV	July 25	August 9	Barcelona	Spain
1996	XXVI	July 19	August 4	Atlanta, GA	United States
2000	XXVII	September 15	October 1	Sydney	Australia
2004	XXVIII	August 13	August 29	Athens	Greece
2008	XXIX	August 8	August 24	Beijing	China
2012	XXX	July 27	August 12	London	England
2016	XXXI	August 5	August 21	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil

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Part 1: Read each idea. Which source gives you this information? Fill in the correct bubble for each source.
(Note: More than one bubble may be filled in for each idea.)

Information	Sources ➡	1	2	3	4
1. Olympiads are numbered using Roman numerals.		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. The Games of the I Olympiad took place in 1896.		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. The Games of the I Olympiad took place in Athens, Greece.		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. The London Games in 2012 took place during the XXX Olympiad.		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Part 2: Fill in the bubble(s) next to the best answer(s) to each question.

5. During which Olympiad was there the longest span of time between the Opening Ceremonies and the Closing Ceremonies?
(A) II Olympiad
(B) III Olympiad
(C) IV Olympiad
(D) VI Olympiad
6. Which geographical facts can you infer by putting information together from Sources 1 and 4?
(A) Australia is located in the Southern Hemisphere
(B) South America and Australia are near one another.
(C) Mexico City is located in the Northern Hemisphere.
(D) Brazil is located in the country of Mexico.
7. The XXXIV Olympiad is due to take place in the year 2028. What number is represented by the Roman numeral XXXIV?
(A) 34
(B) 35
(C) 36
(D) 44
8. What was the last day of the XX Olympiad?
(A) December 31, 1935
(B) December 31, 1972
(C) December 31, 1975
(D) December 31, 1976

Part 3: Search “The Fourth Time’s the Charm” to find **four-syllable words** with the following definitions. Then write the number of the source in which you located this information.

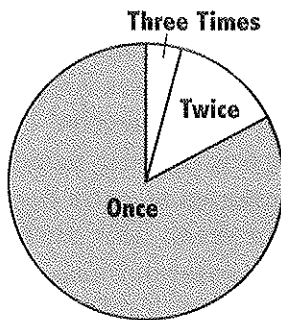
9. "without a doubt" _____ Source #: _____
10. "fit in with the needs of" _____ Source #: _____

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Part 4: Refer back to the sources, and use complete sentences to answer questions #12 and #13.

- 11.** Look at the pie chart below. Each portion represents host cities according to the number of times they have hosted the Olympic Games.



- A.** Which cities would belong in the "Twice" section?

- B.** Which city would belong in "Three Times" section?

- 12.** As a result of World War II, in which Olympiads were no Olympic Games held? Give your answer and explain how you came up with it.

- 13.** The title of this unit ("The Fourth Time's the Charm") is a play on a common saying mentioned elsewhere in the sources.

- A.** What is the common saying?

- B.** What does this common saying mean?

- C.** How does "the fourth time's the charm" relate to the host city of the Games of the XXXI Olympiad?

