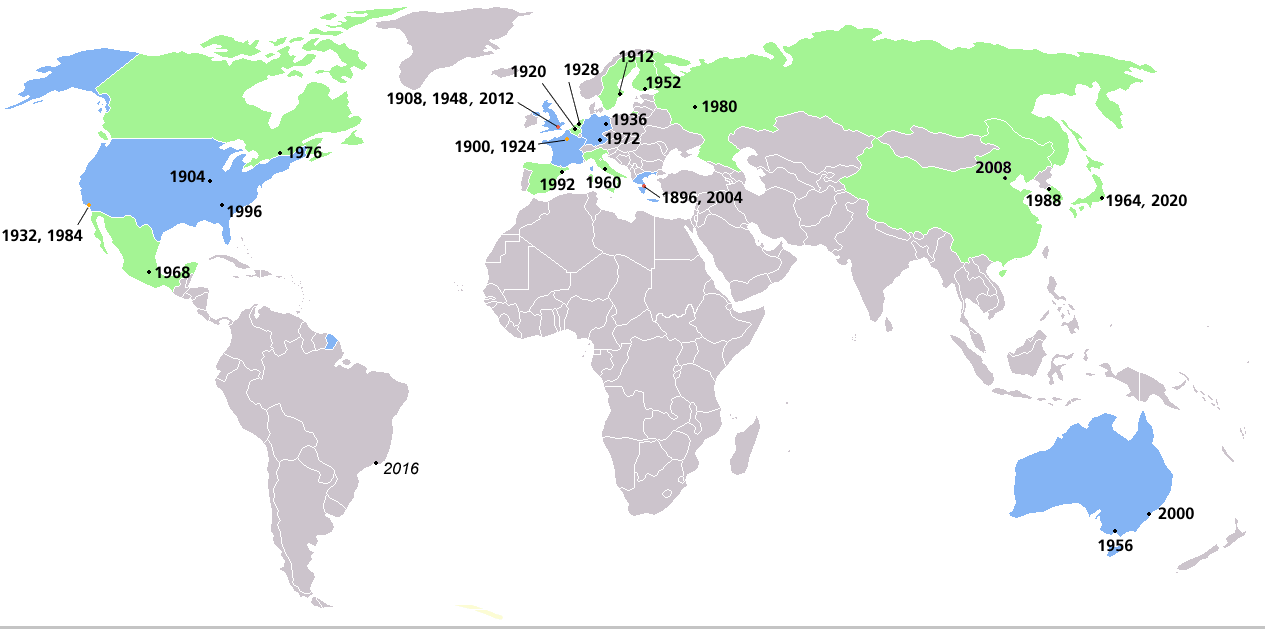
COUNTRIES & CONTINENTS

* The original Olympic Games were held in Ancient Greece.
* The first modern Olympic Games, held in 1896, included athletes from 14 countries: Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Chile, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA.
* The first time all continents were represented was in 1912.
* After World War I, the ‘losing’ countries were not invited: Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary and Turkey.
* After World War II, Germany and Japan were not invited.
* South Africa was banned from taking part from 1964-1992 due to its racist laws known as Apartheid.
* Many organisations, including Human Rights Watch, campaigned for a boycott of the Winter Olympics in Russia in 2014, due to their homophobic laws.
* In 2016, 204 countries will take part.
* The locations of the Olympics so far: