

# Unit 4

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## Reader's Notebook

### The First Olympic Games

#### During Reading

1. Complete this story map as you read the story.

#### Characters

Zeus, Pelops, old man, Hippodamia, the king, stable boy.

#### Setting

Kingdom of Elis, fields of Olympia.

#### Problem

Pelops wants to marry Hippodamia, but he has to beat the king in a chariot race first.



#### Events

Zeus gives Pelops a horse and chariot; Pelops meets the old man, who suggests Pelops go to the kingdom of Elis to marry Hippodamia; Pelops goes to Elis and meets the king and Hippodamia; Hippodamia wishes that her father would lose the race; the stable boy overhears her and sabotages the king's chariot; Pelops and the king race; the king's chariot breaks and he dies; Pelops and Hippodamia marry; they have a funeral for the king and invite heroes from all over Greece to take part in athletic games; Pelops decrees that the games take place every 4 years; 500 years after the games start, an earthquake buries the fields of Olympia and people forget about the games; 1500 years later, archeologists uncover the fields and the Olympic games start again; the Olympic Games are now held every four years in different countries; the flame is kept burning during the entire games; runners carry the flame to the host city.



#### Solution

Pelops wins, the old king is killed. Pelops and Hippodamia start the Olympic Games in the king's memory.

## After Reading

1. What do you think people were supposed to learn from this myth?

Cheating is not the honorable way to win; winners can honour those they have beaten.

2. How well do you think the pictures match the story? Why?

Answers may vary, but may include: Yes because they are drawn like pictures on ancient Greek pottery; No because they are drawn in a strange style.

3. Which characters were portrayed in a positive way?

Pelops, the king, Hippodamia.

4. Which characters were portrayed in a negative way?

The stable boy, the king.