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## **Roots of American Sports**

The Olympics provide many sporting events in which several dozen countries compete. The original Olympics date back to 776 B.C.E. to 393 C.E. Present day sports like golf and soccer were later introduced to America.

Golf dates back to the 16th century, originating in Scotland. During the 1800's, sports became more popular in America with the arrival of baseball and the introduction of football by England, which America calls soccer.

Over the past two hundred or so years, sports have become a part of American culture. There are several influences on American sports. Some of those influences were brought over from the Europeans after colonization, and some have been more recent due to an increase in immigration.

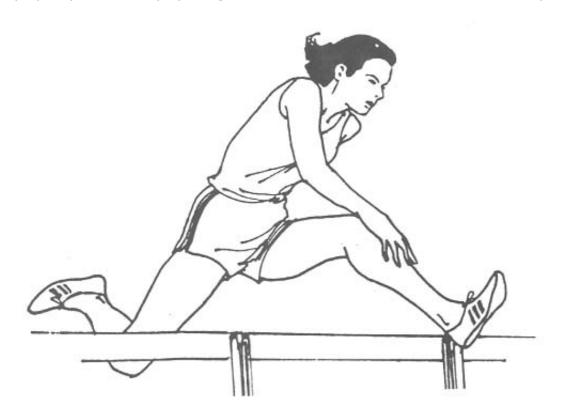
During the 20th century, professional sports became popular with many athletes playing in college then going on to play for a professional team. Professional sports are a form of entertainment for many people around the world with many going to games or watching them on television. The professional sports bring in a large amount of money by selling game tickets, advertising, and merchandising.

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