

Paper or project for 4th unit

Due: no later than March 19, 6.30pm. Please e-mail to your TA and copy me (susanas@) with your submission.

If the submission is from more than one person, be sure to send to all the relevant TAs.

The topic can be any of the following:

(1) deeper discussion of an ancient athletic event,

or (2) the relationship between ancient and modern events,

or (3) the history of a modern event that is now part of Olympic competition, even if it is not ancient (a number of you are writing on these modern events),

or (4) issues dealing with training, the psychology of competition or spectatorship, the economics of sports, or really anything that converges with the topics of lectures and discussions.

Please clear the topic with your TA or me before submitting the paper.

You may collaborate on the topic, but make sure the collaboration is productive.

The submission may take many forms: paper (keep it to about 8-10 pages), video, powerpoint or Prezi, webpage—whatever is appropriate for the topic. For example, if you use a lot of images or graphs and charts a visual form may be an easier format than a paper. If you embed video clips, just give us the link.

Examples from previous years that are non-traditional:

Ryna Mango (2014 class) on ancient and modern wrestling:

<https://prezi.com/n8o8vlpfslsi/wrestling/>

Although no longer on YouTube, four football players (in 2013 class) did a video comparing football armature to gladiator armature.

Nathan Butler's first paper (2015) is very short, but also an example of what can be done—he identifies the holds on a fragment of an ancient wrestler's manual and gives modern examples via video link. This paper is posted on the Website.

Ashley Westhem (2013 class) interviewed a modern Olympian and compared his answers to various questions to what we know about ancient athletes.

