

ClassGen 34: Ancient Athletics  
Section: Week 3

**Assignment:** Please watch the following clips and be prepared to incorporate them in the next breakout section and your follow-up paper. Once you have watched the clips, virtually 'sign your name' (following the honor code) to the accompanying online document (linked [here](#)).

**1. Where the Games Were:**

Romano's The Ancient Olympics: Athletes, Games, Heroes, pt. 1 (3.29-5.59)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPTCS7SVg9k>

Questions: Where and how often did the major Greek athletic festivals take place?  
What were some of the defining characteristics of the Olympic games?

**2. A Virtual Tour of Olympia:**

The sections are very short, and you will want to watch: Southern Colonnade, the Council house, Inside the temple of Zeus pt.2, To the stadium, and the Philippians, pt 1 on the Zanes (statues funded by cheaters).

<http://www.powerhousemuseum.com/greek/stadium.php>

Questions: What kind of buildings were at Olympia? Why might the Greeks have had such a diversity of buildings in the site of the Olympic games? What values does the physical environment of Olympia express?

**3. At the Real Olympics:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht1j4\\_qV6js](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht1j4_qV6js)

1-6.00 (traveling to the games)

23.48-25.26 (animal sacrifice)

32.45-34.36 (chariot racing)

44-55-55 (end) (crowd knowledge of sports and exclusion of women)

Questions: How does the atmosphere of the games at Olympia compare to the atmosphere at athletic competitions today? What was different about the spectator's experience then and now?