

CLAS 0210

Sport in the Ancient Greek World



Class 9

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The Program (cont.)

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Spectators and

Facilities at the Site of
Olympia

The four-horse chariot race



6th-century BC
black-figure vases



Hippodrome at Olympia



Pentathlon (day 2)

Events contested only in the pentathlon:

Discus

Long jump

Javelin

Events also contested separately:

Stade race

Wrestling

Foot races



Athenian black-figure vase,
6th century BC

Starting line in
the stadium at
Olympia

Stadion = 200 m
Diaulos = 400 m
Dolichos = 4,800 m

Hysplex = starting gate



Day 4: body-contact sports

Pyx = boxing

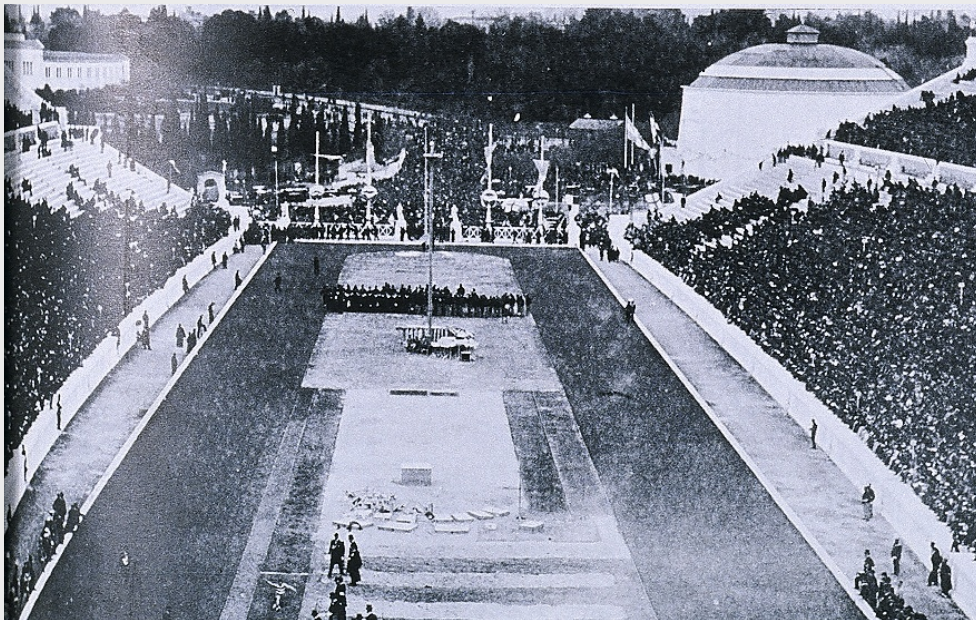
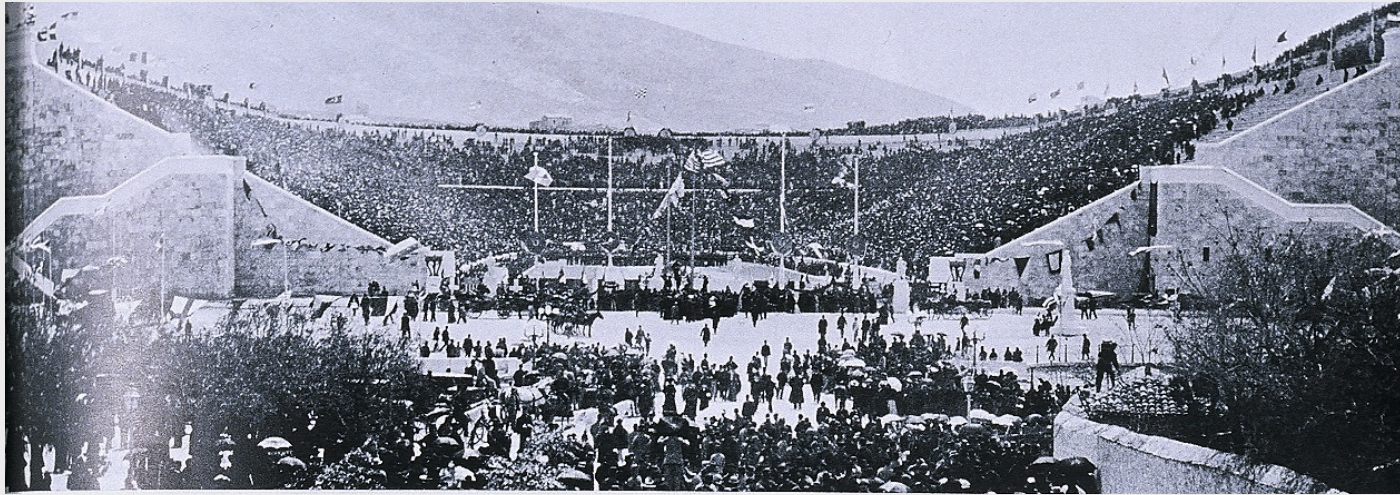
Pale = wrestling

Pankration = “all-in” combination wrestling

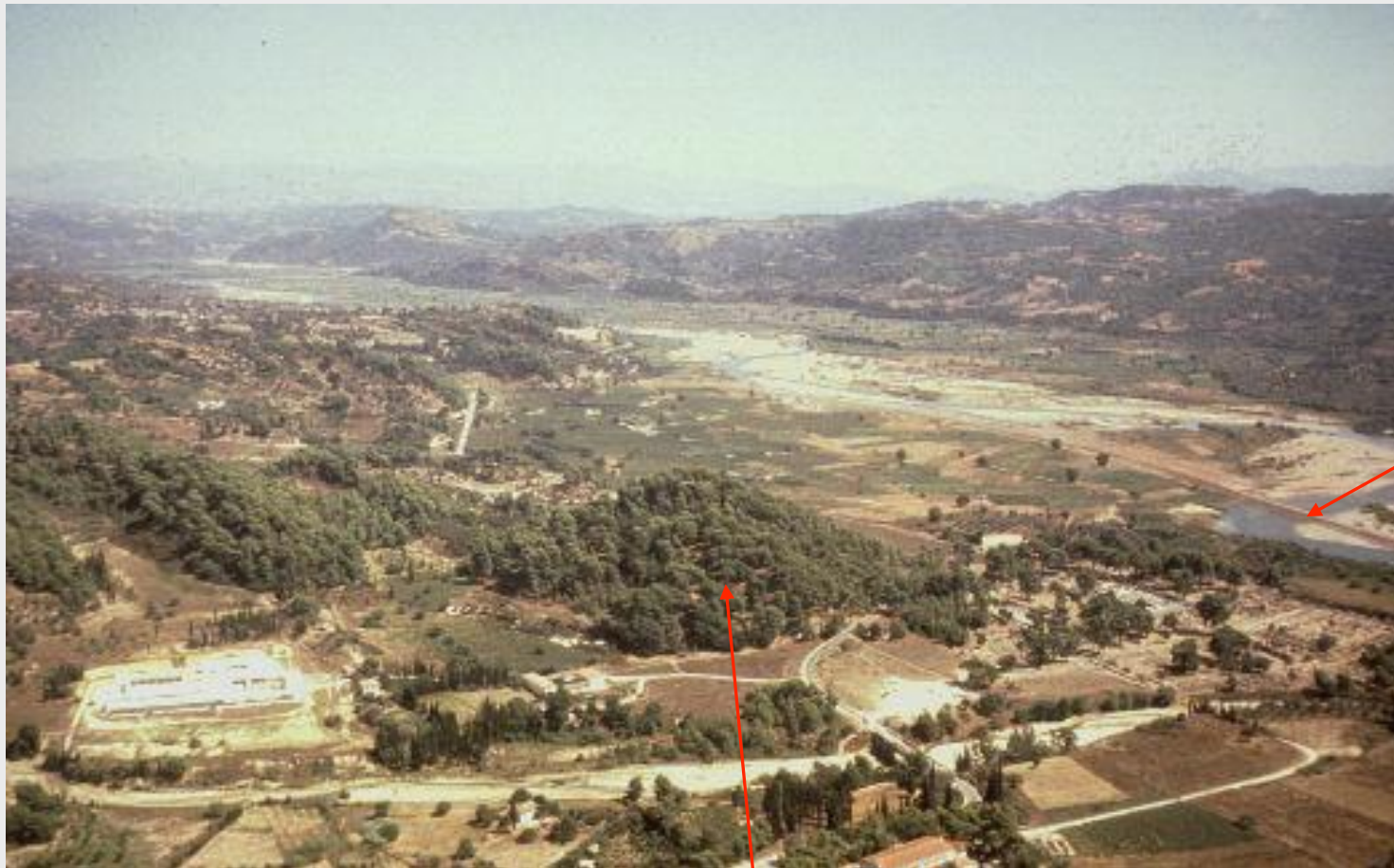


The modern Olympic stadium in Athens





The Panathenaic
stadium during the
1896 Olympic
Games in Athens



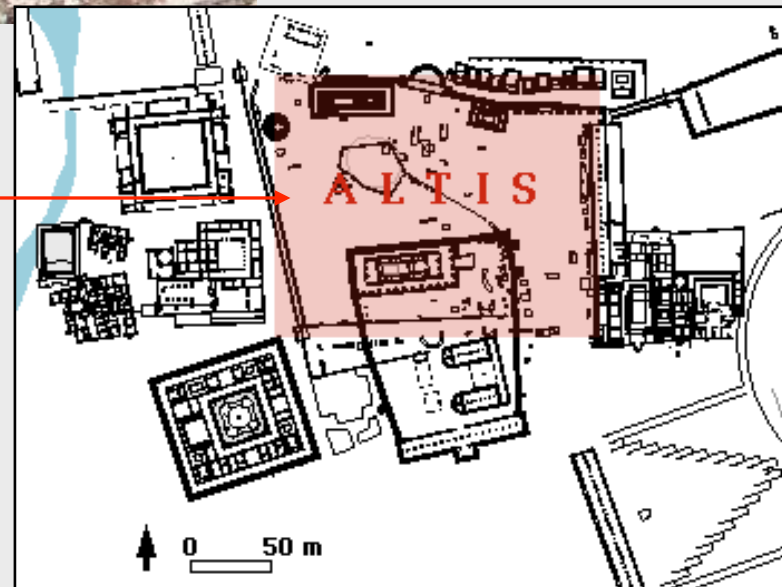
River
Alpheios

Kronos hill



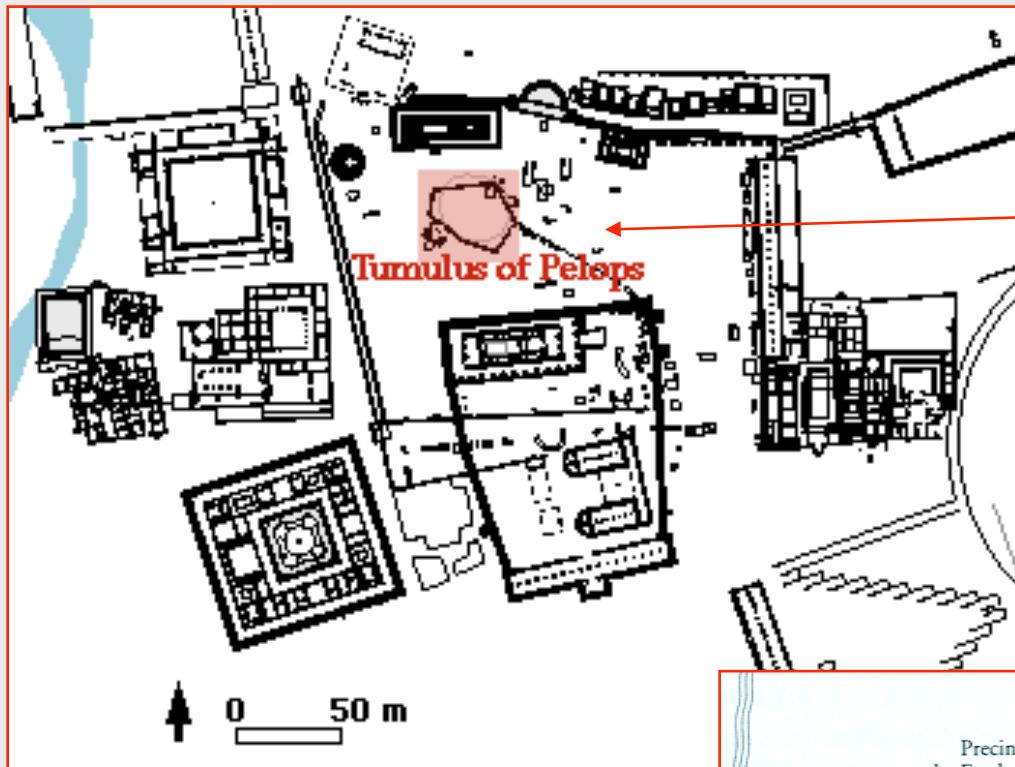
Hill of Kronos

the Altis
(sacred precinct)



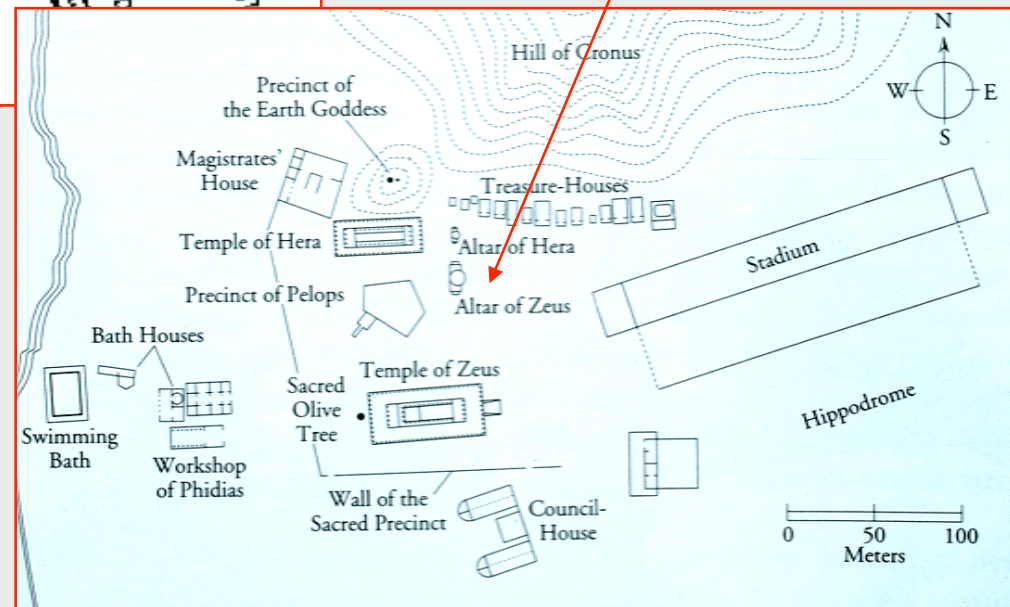
The site of Olympia from the air





Shrine of Pelops

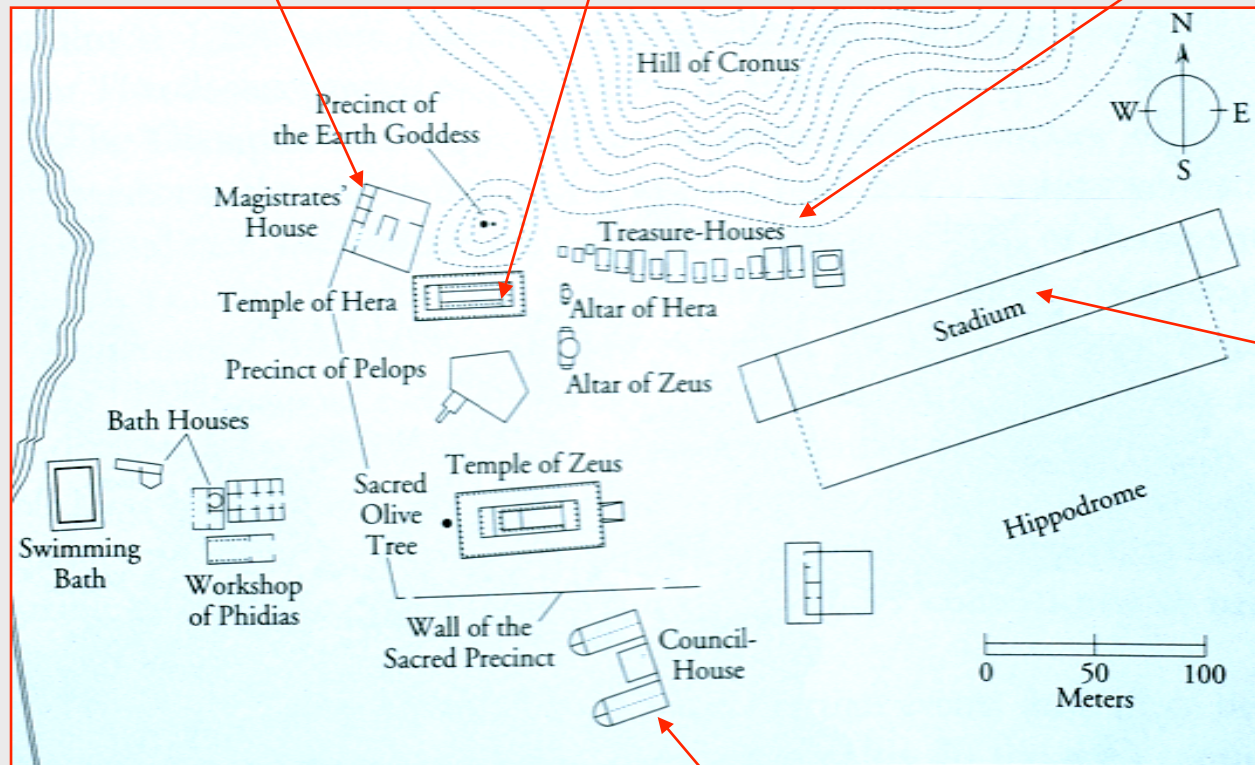
Altar of Zeus



Prytaneion

Temple of Hera (ca. 600 BC)

Treasuries



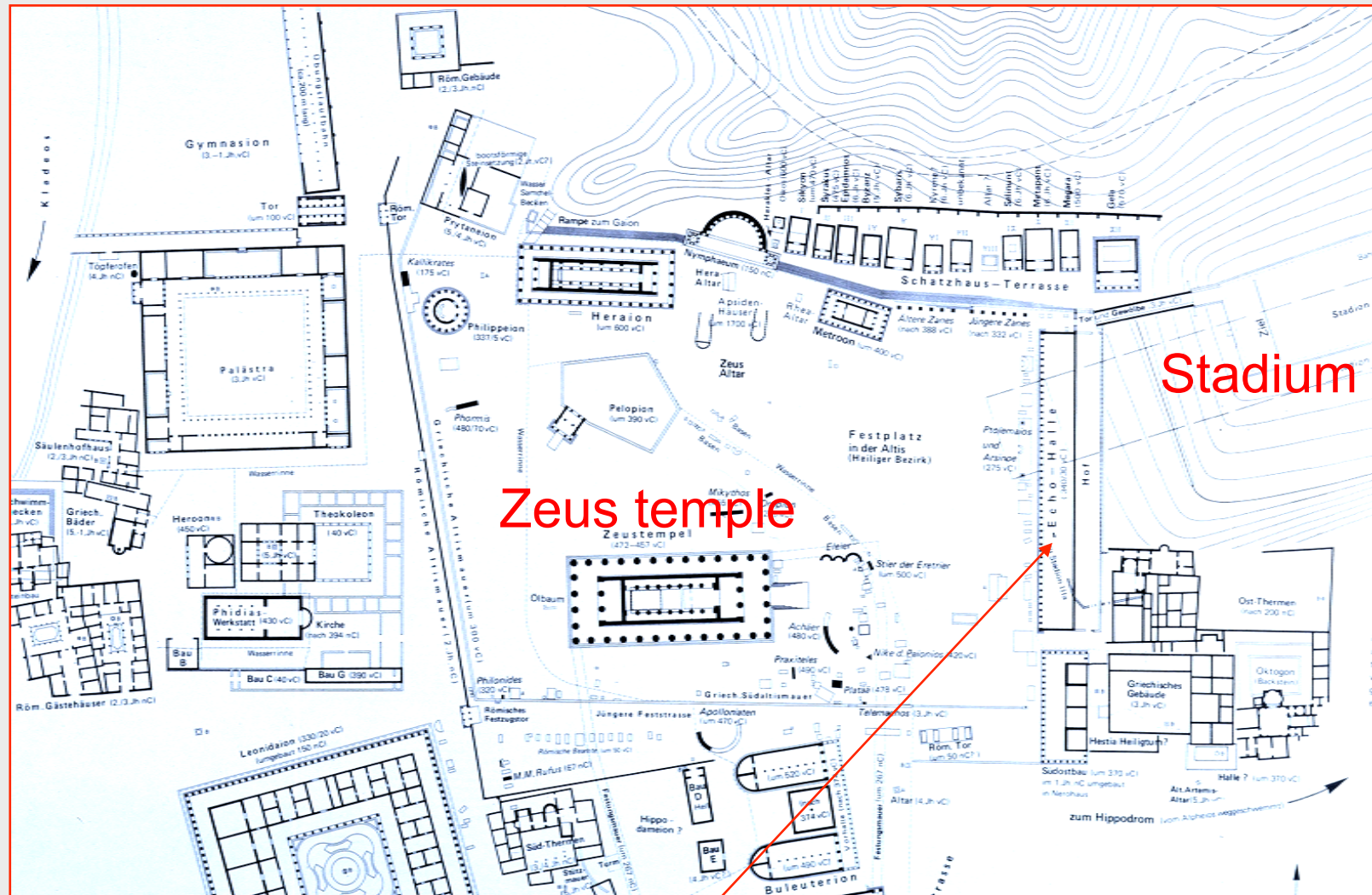
First stadium

Bouleuterion (council house)



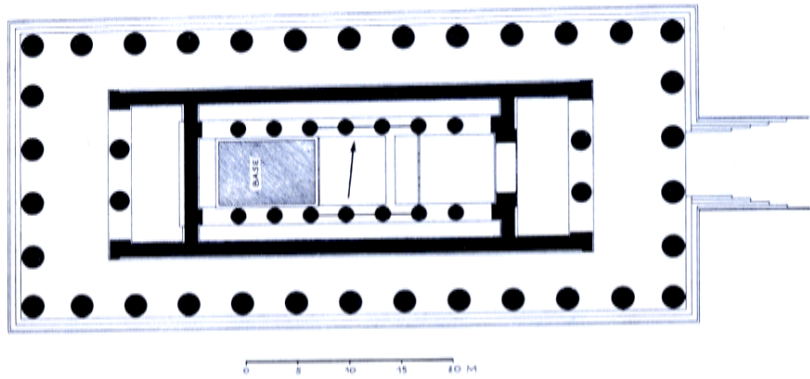


Judges' stand

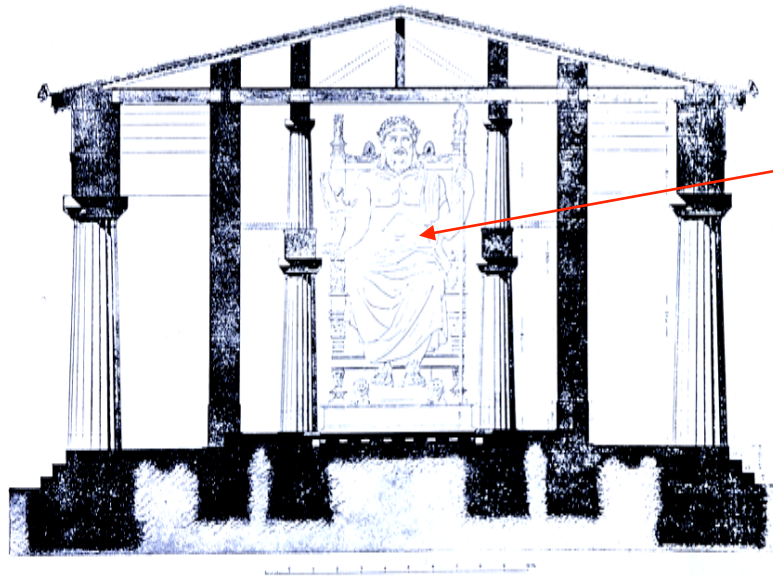


Colonnade and blocking wall

Temple of Zeus,
Olympia
470-456 BC
(27.2 x 64.1 m)



8 Olympia, temple of Zeus, plan.



9 Olympia, temple of Zeus, cross-section through *cella* showing position of cult-statue.

Cross-section, showing
huge size of cult statue by
the sculptor **Pheidias**

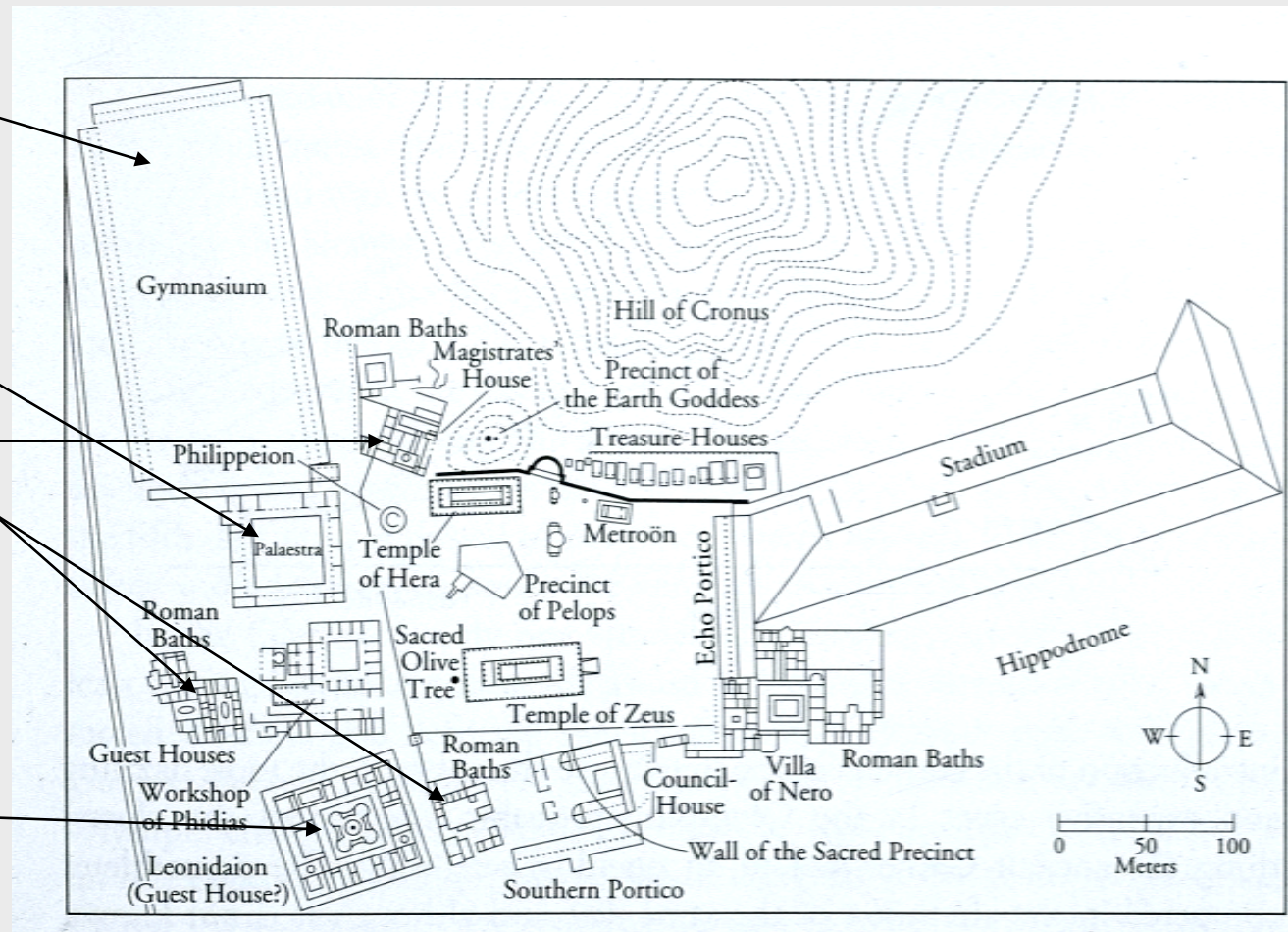
Olympia, 1st-3rd centuries AD

Gymnasium

Palaistra

Roman baths

Leonidaion
(guest-house)



Philippeion

Nymphaion of Herodes Atticus

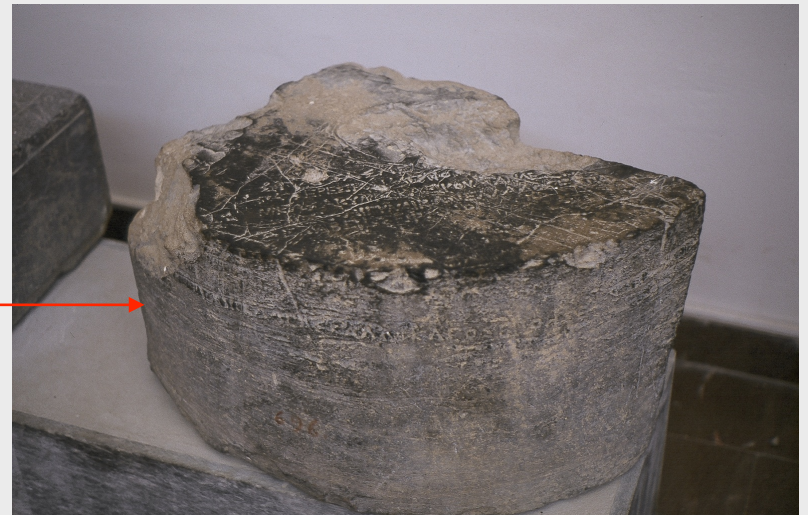




Olympia, stadium

judges' seats

inscribed seat,
Olympia Museum



Arete # 146

Epictetus

Stoic philosopher

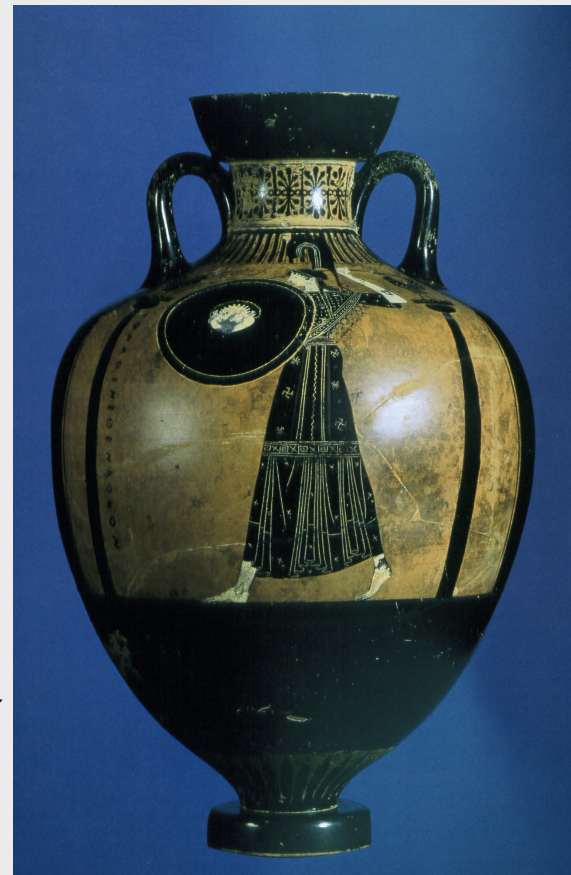
ca. AD 120

(on the experiences of a visitor to Olympia)

Prizes for boy's events at the 4th-century BC Panathenaic Games at Athens

- stade race: 50 jars
- pankration: 40 jars
- wrestling: 30 jars
- pentathlon: 30 jars

a panathenaic amphora



Prizes awarded at local games held at Aphrodisias (Turkey) in 2nd century AD

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| • Pankration | 3,000 drachmas |
| • Stade race | 1,250 drachmas |
| • Diaulos | 1,000 drachmas |
| • Dolichos | 750 drachmas |
| • Pentathlon | 500 drachmas |

Some important names to remember from this class:

River Alpheios, Kronos hill, the Altis

Pelops

periodos (circuit of crown games)

Persian Wars 490-480 BC

Bouleuterion and Prytaneion

Pisa

Temple of Zeus ca. 470-456 BC

Pheidias, Statue of Zeus

Leonidaion (= "hotel" funded by Leonidas of Naxos)

Philippeion

Herodes Atticus, Nymphaion, 2nd cent. A.D.

Epictetus, 1st cent. A.D. (*Arete* #94)

Pindar

Panathenaic amphora