

# From Archery Battles To The Hunger Games



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# Shooting Through Time

WORLD FAIR  
MOCK BATTLES



WOMEN AND OTHER  
RACES IN THE OLYMPICS



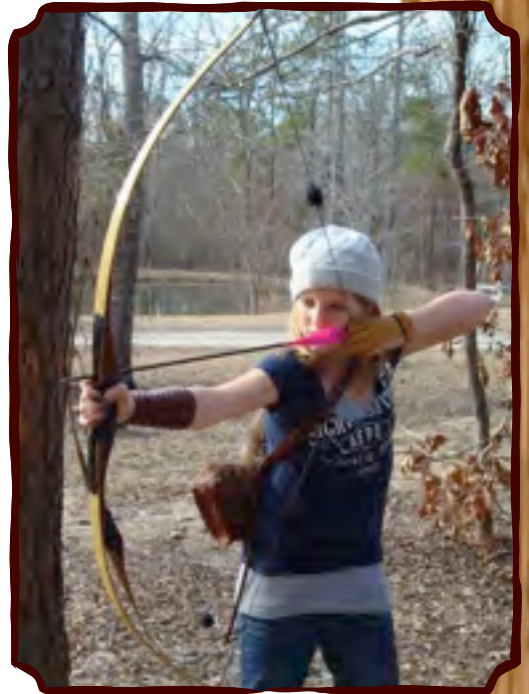
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# Archery Mock Battles



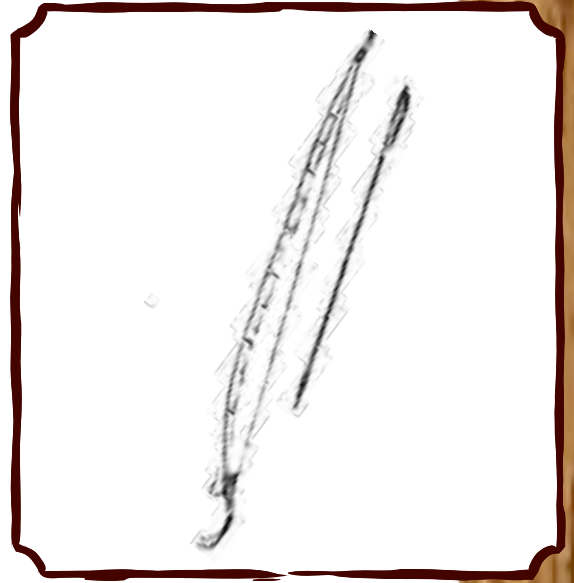
WORLD FAIRS AROUND THE GLOBE HOSTED MOCK BATTLES AS ENTERTAINMENT FOR VISITORS THROUGHOUT THE FAIRS. THESE BATTLES WERE BETWEEN WHITES FROM THE "WILD WEST" OR, MORE COMMONLY, INDIAN TRIBES. SOMETIME INDIAN TRIBES WERE PITTED AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR FIGHTS. THESE BATTLES WERE EITHER REPRESENTATIVE OF BATTLES FROM THE REVOLUTION, OR SIDE SHOWS USED TO PORTRAY WHITE SUPERIORITY IN BATTLES WHERE LANDS AND/OR TRIBES WERE CONQUERED. IN EITHER CASE, THE OPPONENTS WERE USUALLY PICKED FROM TRIBES IN THE MIDWAY AND THEN GIVEN WEAPONS THEY DID NOT KNOW HOW TO USE. THEREFORE THE OPPONENTS WERE ALREADY AT A DISADVANTAGE, SEEING AS THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE THE WEAPONS PROVIDED. THESE FIGHTS CONTINUED ON FOR MANY YEARS.

**Archery.**—The archers of the Teme closed the shooting season with a ball on the 21th August at the Assembly Rooms, Castle Square, Ludlow. The *élite* of South Shropshire and Herefordshire were present. The shooting took place on the outer green of Ludlow Castle. Prize-winners :—Ladies' Prizes.—Champion, Lady Croft; Handicap, Mrs. M. Wood; Second Visitors' Handicap, Miss Wheeler; Best Gold, Mrs. Metcalfe; Visitors' (best value), Miss Pardoe; Best Dozen Arrows, Lady Croft. The Champion (silver quiver) has been won for the third year by Lady Croft, and she now claims it as her own. Gentlemen.—Champion, J. J. S. Metcalfe; Handicap, Hulme; Best Gold, Captain Allen; Visitors', H. B. Hall.



# History of the Bow and Arrow

BOWS AND ARROWS DATE BACK AS FAR AS 9000 BCE WHEN THEY WERE USED IN BATTLES IN AREAS WHICH ARE NOW A PART OF DENMARK. OTHER DISCOVERIES SHOW THAT BOWS WERE DISCOVERED IN GERMANY AROUND 8000 BCE. ORIGINALLY, BOWS WERE MADE OF ANIMAL TENDON, HORN OR WOOD.



ARCHERS BACK THEN WERE CONSIDERED THE SNIPERS OF TODAY. ARCHERS WERE VERY IMPORTANT FOR BATTLES. ARCHERY STARTED TO BECOME LESS PROMINENT IN THE 1600'S WHEN GUN POWDER BECAME A POPULAR WEAPON OF CHOICE FOR BATTLES.



# Olympic Debut

## Comité d'Organisation des Jeux Olympiques de 1900 :

Président : M. le vicomte de la ROCHEFOUCAULD

Secrétaire général : M. Robert FOURNIER-SARLOVÈZE.

### MEMBRES :

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\* Le Baron JEAN de BELLET (Lawn-Tennis).  
\* Le C<sup>te</sup> A. de BERTHIER de SAUVIGNY (Tir à l'arc).  
\* P. de BOULONGNE (Yachting).  
\* Georges BOURDON (Sports athlétiques).  
BOUSSOD.  
Le Duc de BRISAC.  
\* BRUNEAU de LABOIS (Base).  
\* E. CAILLAY (Avion).  
CHARLES CAMBORT.  
Le Baron de CARAYON LA TOUR.

### MEMBRES :

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Le Marquis de CHAMÉLOUP LAUBAT.  
\* M. DUBOISSET (Avion).  
R. DUPUTREUX, député.  
Le Comte d'ESTERNO.  
Le Baron André de FLEURY.  
Alfred GALLARD.  
\* Le Comte A. de GUÉRIANT (Tacklé-g).  
Gordon BENNETT.  
J. J. JUMERAND.  
Le Baron LA CAËR.  
\* Le Baron LESURE (Polo).

### MEMBRES :

MM. Le Duc de LOROS.  
Frédéric MAILLET.  
Le Comte F. de MAILLE (Vélocipédie).  
F. de NEUVILLE.  
\* Arthur O'CONNOR (Course Pneu).  
\* Le Comte N. POTOCKI (Écriture).  
\* Le Comte Jacques de FOYTALES (Golf).  
\* Ch. RICHERTE (Longue Pneu).  
André TOUPAIN.  
Le Comte TURQUET de LA BOUMERIE.  
\* Hilaire de VILLENEUVE (Écriture).

*N.-B. — Les Noms des Commissaires sportifs sont précédés d'une astérisque. Les Commissaires pour la gymnastique, la natation, le foot-ball, etc..., seront ultérieurement nommés.*

## Programme des Jeux

Sports athlétiques. — Courses à pied : 100 m., 400 m., 800 m., 1.500 mètres (courses plates), 110 mètres (courses de haies).

Natation : Courses de vitesse : 100 mètres.  
fond et vitesse : 500 mètres.



ARCHERY BECAME A SPORT CONTESTED IN THE 1900 OLYMPICS IN PARIS. AT THE TIME, ONLY MEN WERE ALLOWED TO COMPETE. THIS WAS AT A TIME WHEN THE OLYMPICS WERE CONSIDERED A SIDE SHOW TO THE WORLD FAIRS. WOMEN WERE THEN ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN ARCHERY IN 1904 AND 1908.

# Olympic Rules

WHEN ARCHERY WAS FIRST CONTESTED, FEW RULES WERE IN PLACE FOR THE EVENT. EACH COMPETITOR COULD BRING HIS/HER OWN BOWS AND ARROWS. THERE WAS ONLY 1 LINE FROM WHICH THE ARCHERS COULD SHOOT. AFTER BEING CONTESTED IN 1900, 1904, 1908, AND 1920, ARCHERY WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN UNTIL THE 1972 OLYMPICS. THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE WERE NO/ VERY FEW RULES FOR THE SPORT AND THIS UPSET COMPETITORS AND SPECTATORS ALIKE. CONSEQUENTLY, THE SPORT WAS REMOVED FROM THE GAMES UNTIL THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MADE A SET OF RULES THAT EVERYONE HAD TO ABIDE BY.







IN THE VERY BEGINNING, ARROWS WERE MADE OF ANIMAL HORN OR BONES AND WOOD. THE ARROWHEADS WERE OFTEN MADE OF STONES, ANIMAL BONES, HORNS, OR METAL.

# Arrows

ALUMINUM, CARBON FIBER AND FIBERGLASS ARROWS DID NOT COME ABOUT UNTIL 1939. THESE MATERIALS MAKE THE ARROWS LIGHTER AND THEY HAVE STRAIGHTER TRAJECTORIES AND THEREFORE ACCURACY THAN WOODEN ARROWS.

ARROWS HAVE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. AS TIME GOES ON AND NEW MATERIALS BECOME READILY AVAILABLE, ADVANCES ARE MADE TO IMPROVE THE ACCURACY AND WEIGHT OF ARCHERY ARROWS.

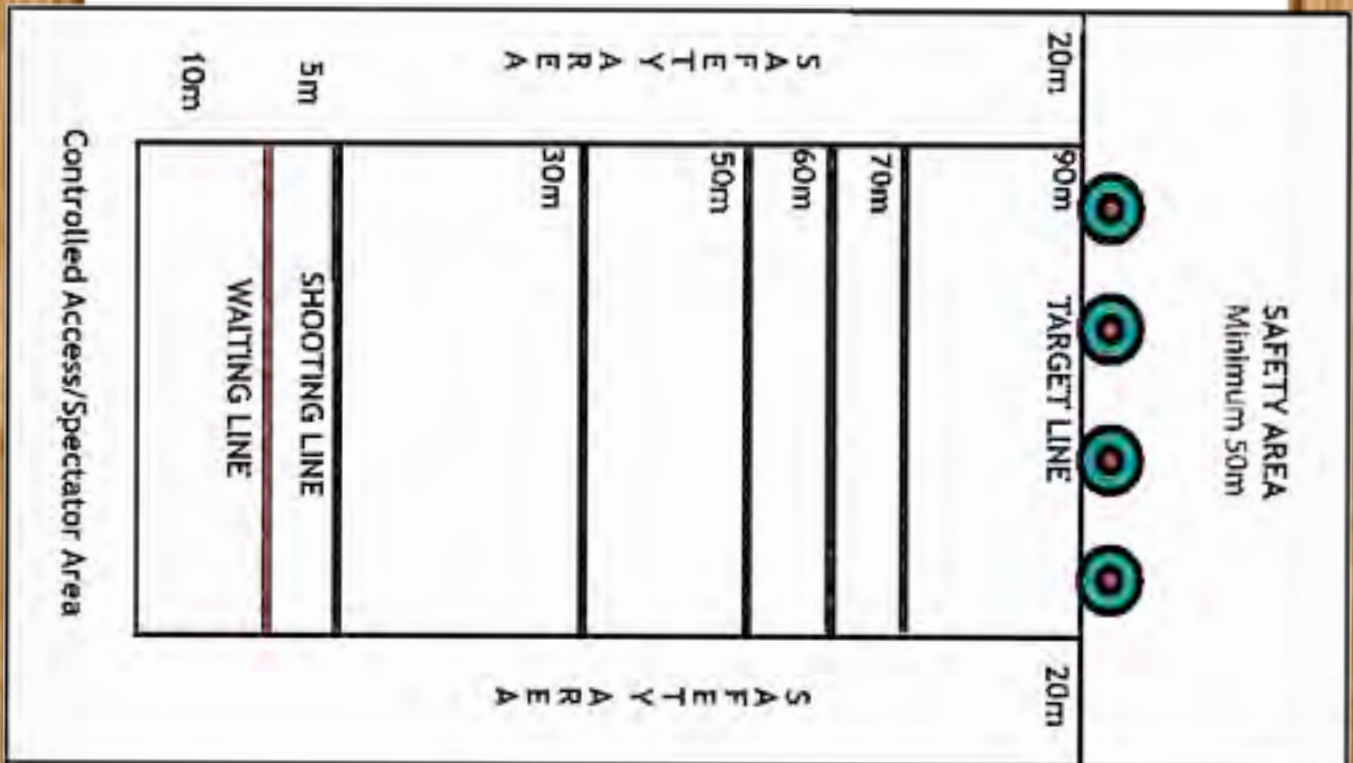
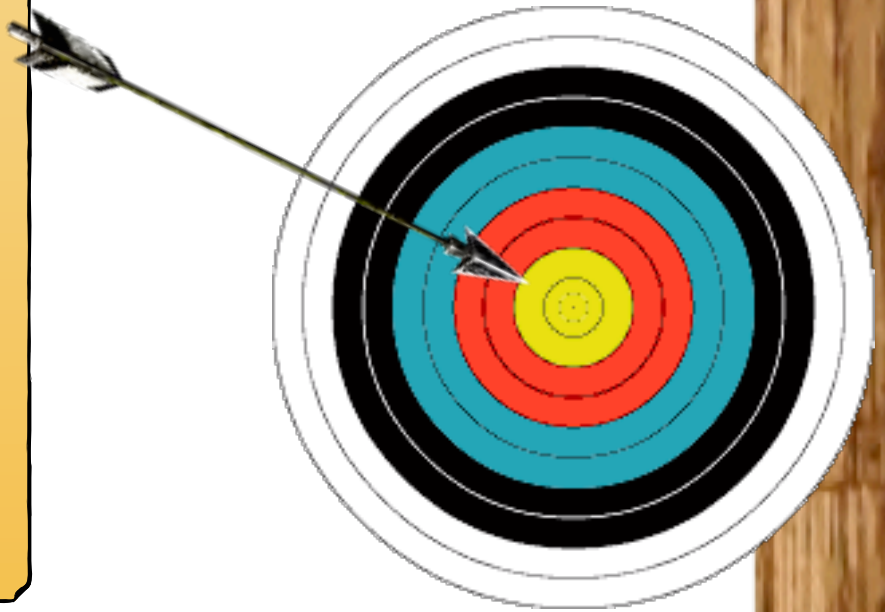


WOODEN ARROWS WERE THE LONGEST USED TYPE OF ARROW. THEY WERE POPULAR FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AND WEREN'T PHASED OUT UNTIL AROUND 1939.



# Target acquired!

BEFORE CONCENTRIC RING TARGETS, ARCHERS WOULD SHOOT INTO MOUNDS OF DIRT THAT WERE FLAT ON ONE SIDE AND SLOPED ON THE OTHER. THESE HILLS WERE CALLED BUTTS. CONCENTRIC RING CIRCLES CAN BE DATED BACK TO 1700'S BUT SOME SUSPECT THEY GO BACK TO THE 1400'S. THESE TARGETS WERE AND STILL ARE MADE OF COILED STRAW WITH CLOTH COVERS. POINTS ARE BASED ON THE RING HIT. TARGETS TODAY RANGE FROM 2 TO 4 FEET IN DIAMETER BASED ON THE DISTANCE THE SHOOTER IS FROM THE TARGET (60 TO 100 YARDS).





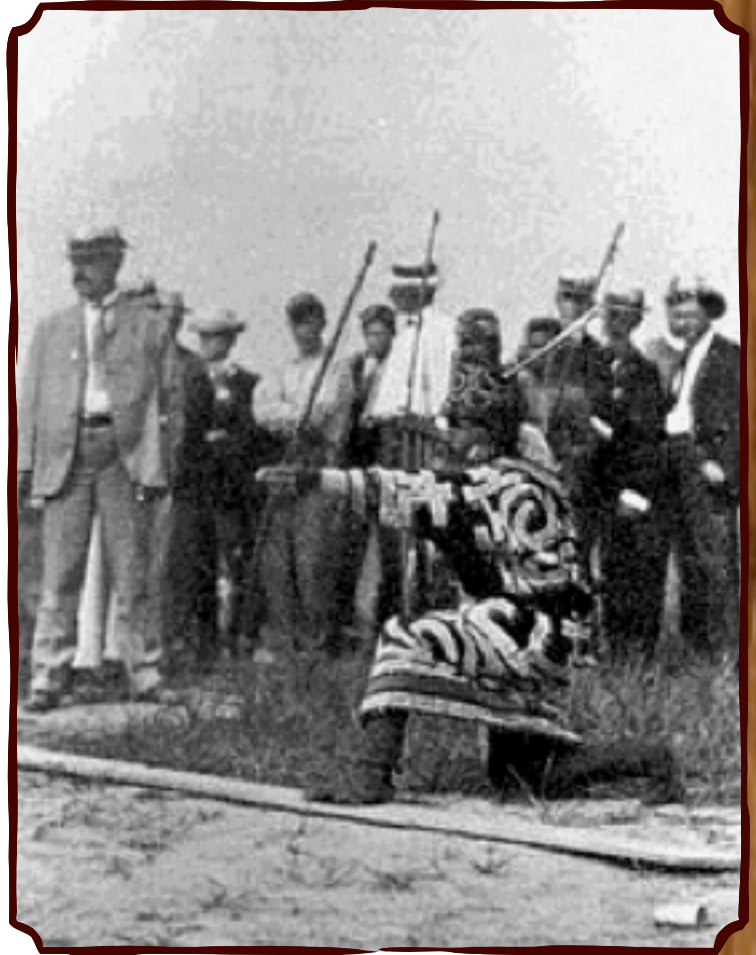
# Bridging the Gender Gap

ARCHERY IS THE 3RD SPORT TO ALLOW WOMEN TO COMPETE IN THE 1904 OLYMPICS. THE ONLY SPORTS TO ALLOW WOMEN TO COMPETE BEFORE ARCHERY WERE TENNIS AND GOLF IN 1900. ALTHOUGH WOMEN WERE ONLY ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN 1 EVENT FOR ARCHERY IN 1904, THIS LEAD THE WAY FOR MORE SPORTS TO ALLOW WOMEN. THE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN THE OLYMPICS HAS STEADILY INCREASED THROUGH THE YEARS. IN 1984 OLYMPICS IN LOS ANGELES, WOMEN MADE UP 23% OF COMPETITORS COMPARED TO THE 2012 OLYMPICS IN LONDON WHERE WOMEN MADE UP 44% OF THE COMPETITORS.





# Bridging the Race Gap

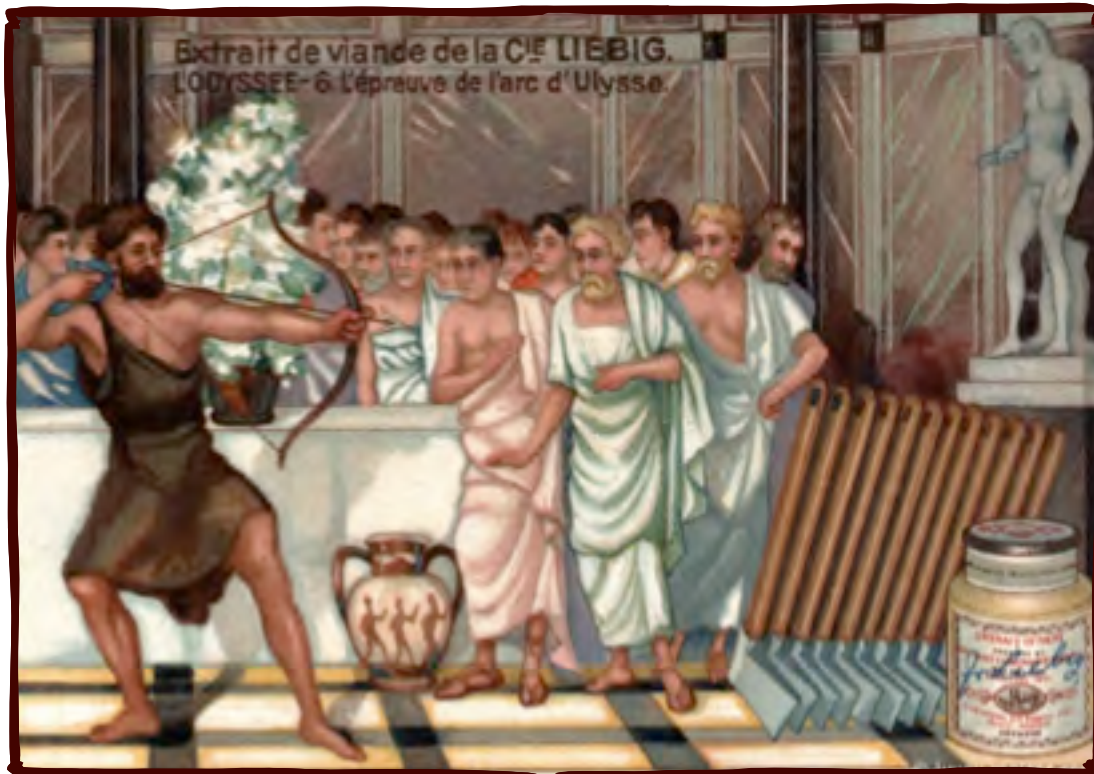


ARCHERY ALSO HELPED TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN RACES AT THE OLYMPICS. INITIALLY, OTHER RACES WERE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLYMPICS IN ORDER TO PROVE "WHITE SUPERIORITY" BUT AFTER THE 'ANTHROPOLOGY DAYS' IN THE 1904 ST. LOUIS WORLD FAIR, OTHER RACES COMPETING IN SPORTS BECAME MORE COMMONPLACE.



# Societal Role

ARCHERY ALSO PLAYED A ROLE IN SOCIETY FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY, MEN USED BOWS AND ARROWS TO SHOW THEIR MASCULINITY AND PROVE THAT THEY WERE A GOOD SUITOR. AS FOR WOMEN, ARCHERY WAS USED FOR WOMEN TO SHOW OFF THEIR FEMININE FORM ESPECIALLY IN THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES. ARCHERY WAS CONSIDERED AN UPPERCLASS PASTIME. MEN AND WOMEN JOINED ARCHERY SOCIETIES AND ATTENDED FANCY DINNERS WHERE ARCHERY WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING. ARCHERY EVENTS OFTEN LEAD TO FLIRTATION AND ROMANCE BETWEEN ARCHER AND SUITOR. ARCHERY WAS STILL VERY POPULAR IN ENGLAND AT THIS TIME BECAUSE IT WAS STILL A REQUIRED SKILL FOR ROYALTY.





# Popularity in tv shows and movies



LATELY, ARCHERY HAS BECOME VERY POPULAR IN TV SHOWS AND MOVIES. MAIN CHARACTERS OF VERY POPULAR MOVIES/ SHOWS SUCH AS THE HUNGER GAMES AND THE AVENGERS ARE IN FACT ARCHERS. ARCHERY IS BEING REVITALIZED AS A SPORT AND IS MAKING A COME-BACK STARTING WITH TV SHOWS. THERE ARE ALSO MORE MOVIES COMING OUT IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS FEATURING ARCHERS AS MAIN CHARACTERS.





# Young female archers



AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE HUNGER GAMES, THE INCREASE IN YOUNG FEMALE ARCHERS HAS BEEN ASTONISHING. THIS SURGE IN POPULARITY COMES FROM GIRLS UNDER 20 BUT MORE SPECIFICALLY BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 17. IN THE SPAN OF 2 YEARS FROM 2011 TO 2013, THE NUMBER OF VIEWS ON THE USA ARCHERY WEBSITE DOUBLED FROM 14,277 TO 30,585. EVEN ARCHERY USA MEMBERSHIP HAS DOUBLED IN THE PAST 2 YEARS.





# Conclusion



TODAY'S ARCHERY COMMUNITY CAN BE EASILY CONNECTED BACK TO THE 1904 WORLD FAIR IN ST. LOUIS ALONG WITH THE MOCK BATTLES PERFORMED THERE. ARCHERY WAS ONCE VERY POPULAR WHEN IT WAS BEING USED IN BATTLE AND ALSO IN UPPERCLASS SOCIETIES IN THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURY, BUT IT IS NOW MAKING A COME BACK. SOON YOUNG GIRLS AND BOYS AROUND THE GLOBE WILL BE PICKING UP BOWS AND ARROWS TO JOIN THEIR FAVORITE CHARACTERS FROM TV SHOWS AND MOVIES; MAY THE ODDS BE EVEN IN YOUR FAVOR!





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