**Olympic Games: Cheating**

**NOTES FOR POWERPOINT**

2. The preparation for a chariot race is shown on the east pediment of the Temple of Zeus at Olympia. In the middle we can see Zeus. On one side of Zeus we can see Pelops and on the other Oinomaos. In this myth Pelops wants to marry the daughter of king Oinomaos but he can only do this if he wins a chariot race against the king. One version of the myth tells us that Pelops cheated by having the pin on Oinomaos’ chariot wheel replaced by a wax one. When they were racing the wax melted and Oinomaos’ chariot broke so Oinomaos lost.

3. Athletes had to promise that they would not cheat in the Olympic Games. They promised next to a statue of Zeus in a special building called the Council Chamber. We know about this from Pausanias who wrote a travel guide to Greece in the second century AD. The picture shows all that survives of this building today.

4. If an athlete cheated in the games he had to pay a fine and this was used to make a bronze statue of Zeus with a thunderbolt. The route into the stadium at Olympia was lined with statues paid for by athletes who cheated in the Games - only the bases of these statues survive today.

5. This is what the statues might have looked like. The base would have the athlete’s name inscribed on it. Athletes would walk past them on their way to compete. They were called Zanes.

**Now read the story of Pelops and try making a cheating athlete statue**

**You could show one or both of the following short animations alongside this PowerPoint:**

Pelops and the Chariot Race: <http://www.panoply.org.uk/pelops.html>

The Cheat: <http://www.panoply.org.uk/the-cheat.html>