# History Year 5 Autumn 1 Wembley

## Key Facts

- The original Wembley Stadium was known as the Empire Stadium, and was built as the centrepiece of a British Empire Exhibition at the end of the First World War.
- Key people in the development of Wembley were John Grey and Edward Watkin.-'Watkins folly' and the construction of the Metropolitan Railway. Empire stadium designed by Sir Owen Williams.
- Though not officially opened by King George V until 23 April 1924, the stadium hosted its first FA Cup final the previous year. Wembley hosted the Olympic Games in 1948. These Olympics are often described as The Austerity Games' as the country was still recovering from the Second World War.

## Key skills and concepts:

**Children will be able to:**

Know and sequence key events in time studied and understand what was happening at the same time in the rest of the world.

Examine causes and results of great events and the impact on people

Begin to identify primary and secondary sources and what they tell us about history




## Vocabulary

| Word | Definition |
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| **British Empire** | An 'empire' is a group of countries ruled over by a single monarch or ruling power. An empire doesn't need an 'emperor'. The British Empire comprised of Britain, the 'mother country', and the colonies, countries ruled to some degree by and from Britain. |
| **Stadium** | An athletic or sports ground with tiers of seats for spectators. |
| **Exhibition** | A public display of works of art or items of interest, held in an art gallery or museum or at a trade fair. |
| **Olympics** | A modern international sports competition, held once every four years. Also called Olympian Games. the greatest of the games or festivals of ancient Greece, held every four years in the plain of Olympia in Elis, in honour of Zeus. |
| **Engineering** | The branch of science and technology concerned with the design, building, and use of engines, machines, and structures. |

| 1892 | 1921-1924 | 1923 | 1939 | 1948 | 2000 | 2007 |
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| The foundations were laid in 1892 and **construction work commenced in June 1893**. | All the buildings for the Exhibition were constructed between 1921-1924. However, the stadium was built in just 300 days. Of the buildings to which Williams contributed, the Palace of Industry is the only one that remains. | FA Cup Final attracted an estimated crowd of 200,000 — nearly twice the number the engineering design called for. | Outbreak of the second world war | London hosted the Olympic Games and Wembley Stadium was the centrepiece venue. The Olympic Way was added as the approach route for the Olympic torch bearers. | After hosting many memorable events during its 77 years, the original Wembley Stadium closed. | New stadium opened |