

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

Lesson objective: To find and analyse the features of a diary entry

★ Success Criteria ★		Me	Miss B
1	I can find the date, thoughts and feelings and past tense		
2	I can find first person, description and an introduction		
3	I can find time conjunctions/ adverbials and direct speech		

Red

Feature	Examples
Date	
Thoughts and feelings	
Past tense	
Other	

Yellow

Feature	Examples
Date	
Thoughts and feelings	
Past tense	
First person	
Description (adjectives)	
Introduction	

Green

Feature	Examples
Date	
Thoughts and feelings	
Past tense	
First person	
Description (adjectives)	
Introduction	
Time conjunctions/ adverbials	
Direct speech	

Read the following diary entries and find and copy the features into the table.

## January 19th 468BC

Hello. My name is Anchaz Michaelides. I am a Greek Olympian, and loyal soldier of the legendary Ionian army. Many people rate me as one of the best in the world! People rave about me every day, and how I am destined for Olympic greatness! Today, thousands of spectators from throughout the land piled into the Olympia stadium. But, my beautiful wife Helena could not attend, like all of the other women. I had prepared for years for these five days, and I would not let her down now.

As the Olympic torch of Athens was lit by Alexander I, our great leader. It was incredible to watch, and as I did I felt proud to be contributing in the great Greek Olympics.

Today's event was boxing. I dominated the first round of matches, and came out runner-up champion to the 3-time champion, Markos Papadopoulos, a good friend of mine from the war. This performance has given me a good start. I had a feeling I was destined for greatness!

## January 20th 468BC

Today, I woke up feeling confident. Today, the running events took place. Firstly, was the sprint, which was just one stade long. Sadly, sprinting is not one of my better events. I finished in second last. I then finished in a similar position in the second race, which was two stades long. But in the 7 stade race, I felt that this was one of my better races. It was long and hard, but I persisted through the run in a tough challenge. I finished in a respectable fourth place. The last race went for three stades, but we were dressed up in full body armour. I was an expert in this area, having contributed in the brutal Persian war. In this race, I ran out determined, and finished third. For the first two days, I have triumphed in the leader board tally. I have taken out first place by three whole points! If I keep up my magnificent performances, I am destined for that beautiful medal of gold! I had better get a good sleep tonight, because tomorrow was a big day!

## January 21st 468BC

Today, the Olympic festivities began. Fans paraded the streets, placing bets, selling cattle, and enjoying the beautiful Greek sun covered itself in the brick streets of Athens. I would soon make my way to Olympia for my next event, but before I attended the presentation of the Olympic sacrifices. 100 oxen were sacrificed for Zeus' statue of solid gold, standing at forty-two feet in the Temple of Olympus. The event for today was boxing. Boxing was considered the roughest and most dangerous event in the games. Despite my wrestling triumph, I didn't have my usual confidence with me. This was showed in the matches, as I was knocked out cold in just the second round, from stone-like punch from Agnes Kalfas, the boxing

champion of the day. Agnes moved himself up into second position, and Markos Papadapoulos climbed into first. While writing this now, I am not happy with my performance today, and now I am feeling the pressure of the contest come down on me. What if I do not win? What if I am not good enough?

### 22nd July 468BC

Today the horse chariot racing event began I brought Helena's father's beautiful brown horses, Zephyros and Knots, named after some of Zeus' horses. I will take them to Olympus, and attach them too my chariot before the race. When I got there, we were told to ride 12 laps of the stadium's circumference. At the beginning of the race, all 14 competitors lined up at the starting line. The official stood beside, and screamed. "Take your marks! Go!" All of the horses sped off at full pace, and the race had begun. After 6 laps I was already being lapped by another 3 horses, and was in 8th place. Sadly, I dropped behind even more after another four laps. I couldn't redeem myself in the concluding two laps, and finished in an embarrassing 13th place. As I am writing this, I stand at 7th place on the Olympics leader board, and need to finish in the top three positions tomorrow in the next event to even come close to taking home the glory.

### 23rd July 468BC

Today was the final and fifth day of the Olympics, which included the most importantly considered event of the whole series, the Pentathlon. It included sprinting, long-jumping, javelin-hurling, discus-throwing, and wrestling. Firstly, the sprinting began. As I brought up earlier in the series, sprinting was not one of my stronger events. I pushed myself to the limits, and tried giving the race my all. I finished up in 6th, which for me, was a great result. The long jump was the second event. This event was actually a good event for me because of my leg power. I jumped a good distance and finished fifth overall. Now, with the upcoming events, a felt as if the pentathlon was time for me to dominate, in order to take home the glory. The javelin was mine from the beginning. All over my great land, I am hailed for my unbelievable strength when it comes to throwing anything. I finished just as I expected, finishing in first place. The fourth event was the discus. I also dominated in this throwing event, finishing font again. The leaderboard for the pentathlon was leaning my way. 2nd place! If I finished in the top three in the next event to claim the glory of the whole Olympics! The final event was wrestling. Another round robin was placed in. I won my first, won the second, and smashed my third, and advanced to the finals. I won the first match, and got into the semi-finals, but lost. Luckily, the other semi-final loser played me for third place. It was a tough and gruelling match, but sadly I lost.

### 24th July 468BC

Today they announced the winners. I would prefer not to write down the result, or it will make me regret my performance even more. Well, to put things straight, I didn't achieve what I hoped. Well, I better get training, because in just four years I'll do it all again.