**Strategies for putting work into your own words.**

**Example One - Read, cover and write**

**The nastiest event?**

Probably the *pankration* or all-in wrestling was the nastiest event. There were hardly any rules. Biting and poking people's eyes were officially banned, but some competitors did both! While it does not seem very sporting to us, all-in wrestling was very popular. Boxing was tough too. The fighters wore leather gloves and a boxer was allowed to go on hitting his opponent even after he'd knocked him to the ground!

However, cheating was punished. Anyone caught cheating, trying to bribe an athlete for instance, had to pay for a bronze statue of *Zeus*, as a punishment.

**Example Two - Thesaurus**

The Olympic Games were a series of [athletic competitions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Athletics_%28sport%29) among representatives of [city-states](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polis) of [Ancient Greece](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Greece). They were held in honor of [Zeus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zeus), and the Greeks gave them a [mythological](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_mythology) [origin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aition). Historical records indicate that they began in 776 BC in [Olympia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olympia%2C_Greece). They continued to be celebrated when Greece came under [Roman rule](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Empire), until the emperor [Theodosius I](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodosius_I) suppressed them in 394 AD as part of the campaign to impose Christianity as the [state religion of Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_church_of_the_Roman_Empire).

**Example Three - Rearrange**

**Events at the Games**

At the first one-day *Olympic Games*, the only event was a short sprint from one end of the stadium to the other. Gradually more events were added to make four days of competitions. They included wrestling, boxing, long jump, throwing the *javelin* and *discus*, and chariot racing. In the pentathlon, there were five events: running, wrestling, javelin, discus and long jump. One of the toughest events was the race for *hoplites*, men wearing armour and carrying *shields*.