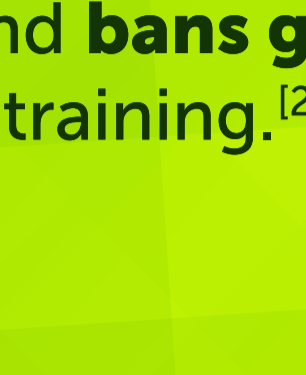


# The History of GOLF

While ball and stick games have been around throughout most of human history, golf as we know it originated in the 15th century. Since then, kings have banned it, Mary, Queen of Scots, was the first known woman to play, and Tiger Woods took the throne as the best golfer of our time. **Tee up for a brief history of golf!**

15th  
Century

The Scottish transform the game of **chole** into the earliest form of golf.<sup>[1]</sup>



During war with England, James II of Scotland **bans golf** to focus on archery training.<sup>[2]</sup>

16th  
Century



The ban on golf is lifted after Scotland and England sign the **Treaty of Perpetual Peace**.<sup>[3]</sup>



Mary, Queen of Scots, earns the title of first **female golfer**.<sup>[4]</sup>

James IV of Scotland makes the first recorded **golf club** purchase.<sup>[5]</sup>

17th  
Century



The featherie ball is invented and becomes **standard golf ball** of the time.<sup>[5]</sup>

The sport makes its way to the **United States** and is banned on the streets of Albany, NY.<sup>[6]</sup>

18th  
Century

The **first golf clubhouse**, St. Andrews, opens in Scotland.<sup>[8]</sup>



The oldest surviving golf rule book, **The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers**, is written.<sup>[7]</sup>

19th  
Century

The **guttie**, a much cheaper version of a golf ball, replaces the featherie as the standard.<sup>[5]</sup>

The **Ladies' Golf Union of Great Britain and Ireland** is founded.<sup>[9]</sup>

The **Professional Golfers Association (PGA)** is established.<sup>[10]</sup>

Open championship games are **suspended during WWI**.<sup>[11]</sup>



Walter Hagen becomes the first American to win **The Open Championship**.<sup>[12]</sup>

The **Ladies Professional Golfers Association (LPGA)** is founded.<sup>[13]</sup>

21st  
Century

**Tiger Woods** wins all four major championships at one time.<sup>[14]</sup>

From kings of countries to kings of the course, golf has an extensive and rich history, and it has become part of the cultural fabric of our countries around the world. **Share this information with your students for a "tap in" lesson.**

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