

Boston Garden opens

1928 | Grade 2 · Read & notice

Words to know

arena — a place with seats around a space for games or shows

gather — come together

record — information kept so people can use it later

Look closely



Modern topic illustration created for Massachusetts History Explorers. It is not a historical artifact.

Read the story

Boston Garden opened as a place for large public events. It became famous for sports and performances. A different building, now called TD Garden, opened in 1995. The two arenas are not the same building.

Think, talk, and show evidence

1. What happened in this reading? Tell one fact.
2. Who or what is this reading mostly about?
3. Choose a word from the word bank. Explain it in your own words.
4. Look at the picture and its caption. What does it help you notice? Is it from the time of the event?

Follow-up reading: The Cocoanut Grove fire

1942

A terrible fire struck the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston. Four hundred ninety-two people died. The disaster led to changes in fire safety and advances in caring for burn injuries.

How are the two readings alike or different? Tell a partner one connection. Which event came first?

Teacher guide & source trail

Original classroom adaptation. Suggested reading levels are instructional choices, not standardized readability certifications. Use professional judgment and learner feedback.

ELA practice: RI.2.1: ask and answer questions; RI.2.2: identify a main topic; RI.2.7: use images and words; W.2.2 and SL.2.1: explain and discuss.

These tasks support selected skills in the [Massachusetts 2017 ELA framework](#); they do not establish mastery of an entire standard.

Answer guidance

Factual anchor: Boston Garden opened as a place for large public events. It became famous for sports and performances. A different building, now called TD Garden, opened in 1995. The two arenas are not the same building. Memories may combine different venues or decades. Check dates and photographs. A building's history includes workers, access, ticket prices, and surrounding streets as well as famous athletes.

Accept accurate main ideas and explanations supported by the text. Vocabulary meanings are in the opening word bank. For picture questions, use the caption and credit below; distinguish what is visible from what is inferred. For comparison, accept a specific connection supported by both readings. Do not require personal accounts of trauma.

Continue the inquiry

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