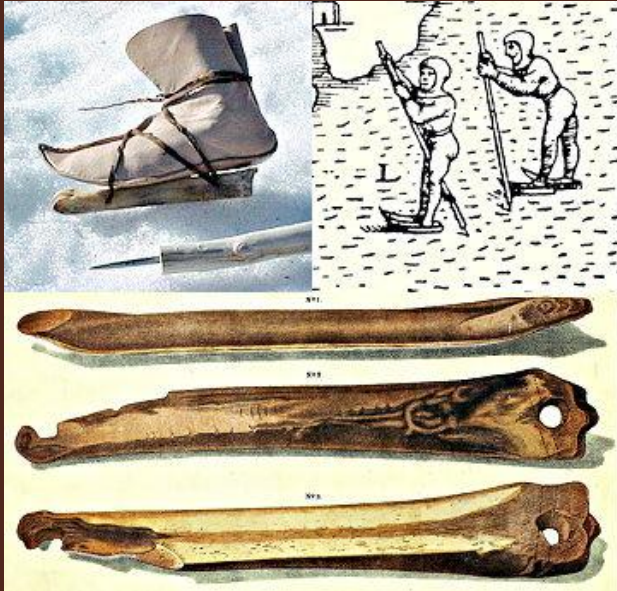




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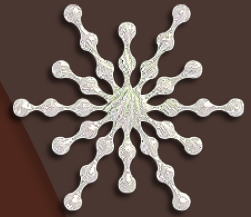


# From Ancient to Middle Ages

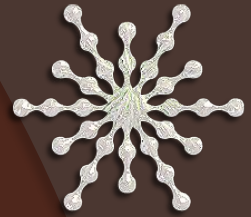


primitive animal bone ice skates found on the banks of Lake Moss, Switzerland, date back to 3000 BC


In Dutch in the 13th or 14th century ice skates were made of steel, with sharpened edges on the bottom to aid movement. The construction of modern ice skates has remained largely the same.



# The development of ice skating



1742 – the first ice skating association was formed, the Edinburgh Skating Club



1772 - the first instructional book concerning ice skating was published in London



# Modern figure skating

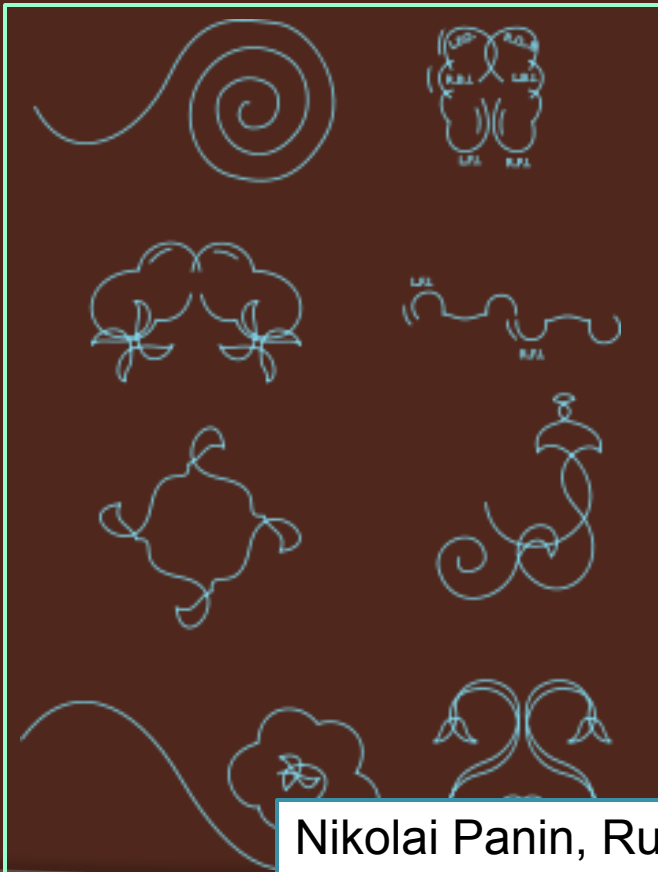


The founder of modern figure skating - Jackson Haines, an American.  
He won the first *Championships of America* held in Troy, New York in 1864

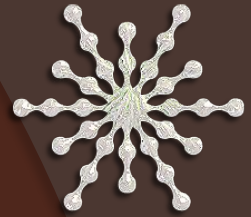


# Figure skating's Olympic debut

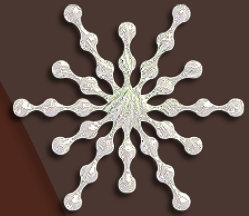
1908 Summer Olympics - men's singles, ladies' singles, pairs, and special figures.



Nikolai Panin, Russia's first Olympic champion.



# Sonja Henie



Introduced White Skates



Introduced Short Skating Dresses



Ice Skating Movie Star

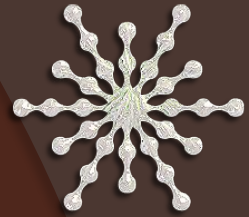


# The second half of the XX<sup>th</sup> century

ice dancing was added as a medal sport at the 1976 Olympics

because of the years of war, Europe fell behind North America in terms of figure skating dominance

Winning gold at the 1964 Winter Olympics, Ludmila Belousova / Oleg Protopopov began a forty-year Soviet/Russian gold medal streak in pair skating



# Figure skating today

The Olympic Games program includes the following figure skating competitions: individual men's and women's events, pairs events, ice dancing and also team events

Synchronized skating and solo ice dance have grown in popularity







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