

The Evolution Of Archery

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Archery has been around for over 5,000 years and over the past 5,000 years it has changed a lot. Bow and arrows have been used for warfare, hunting, and target shooting. Over those years arrows have gotten stronger and bows have gotten better.



These are two different types of bows. One is a recurve and one is a compound bow.



These are carbine and aluminum arrows.



These are materials used in modern archery.

For example, according to www.archeryresources.com the ancient Egyptians invented arrows over 5,000 years ago. These arrows were wooden and light, so they could go a far distance. According to Bill Prael, archery expert, “Wooden arrows are not very accurate and would break very easily.” Eventually in 1939, James Easton invented aluminum arrows, since this arrow was metal; from my experience it was a heavier arrow and turned out to be a very accurate arrow, but not that fast. Ultimately, carbon arrows were invented in 1983. This was a plastic arrow, so it travels further and according to Bill Prael, “The material makes it very accurate. All in all, arrow changes have made a big difference in archery



Bows have changed a lot. For instance, according to archery resources Egyptians made long bows of wood and animal sinew. They could shoot arrows 1\4 of a mile, they are also much harder to pull back, and when you pull it back you have to let go right away. In addition, Egyptians made the recurve bow. They were the same exact thing as the long bow but a different style. Also, in 1970 the compound bow was invented. A compound bow is a bow with wheels instead of limbs, according to Bill Prael, “A compound bow shoots arrows out very accurately and you can pull back the string for a longer time.” In conclusion, the technology of bows has gotten way better.



Use of bows is the biggest part of archery. Namely, according to archery resources bows were used in warfare from 3,000 BC to the 1400s. In the 1400s guns were invented so it took archery's spot in long distance warfare. Equally important, bows today are mainly used for hunting. Bows being used for hunting has been going on since the beginning of time but the first bow-hunting season was in 1934. Importantly, a major part of archery is target shooting; target shooting is an Olympic sport. In conclusion, the use of bows is the most important thing in archery.





All in all, archery has changed a lot. The technology and the use of bows today have changed the meaning of archery. In the old days having a bow could keep “You alive.”